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Dedicated to Fatimas Everywhere



his is a tale of the god of light, Amaterasu, and his wife Lachesis, who emerged victorious from an era of wars that raged throughout four solar systems. It will also tell of the many bold and daring headdliners who battled courageously during those times, some victorious, some not, but always in the name of chivalry.

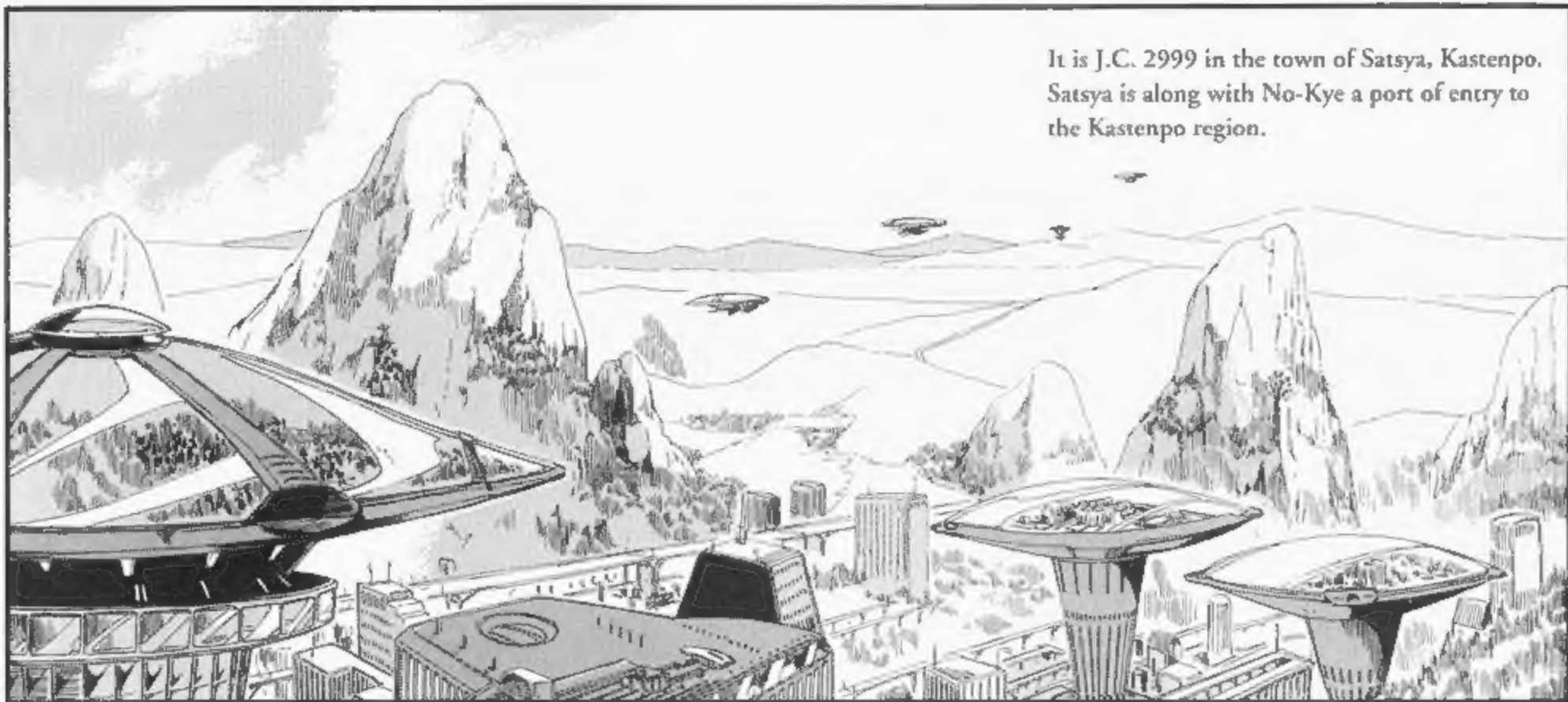
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he next episode switches to the town of Satsya (Both) and two young chevaliers to be, Jaquous Quo'n Hash and Duchess Mamadoa Juzotta, who display their budding talents against a gang of ninja assassins. Next there is young John Weinzal, of ignoble, obscure origins, aspiring to the knighthood but plagued by a rather unchivalrous attitude toward fatimas. It seems in his younger years he was befriended by a mysterious fatima who turned out to be none other than Est in search of the next Black Knight. Her choice of Décors Weissmel instead of John seems to be the cause of his fatimantic syndrome.

Episode 7
Both J.C. 2999
The First Blow at Satsya



It is J.C. 2999 in the town of Satsya, Kastenpo. Satsya is along with No-Kye a port of entry to the Kastenpo region.



I'm terribly sorry. I'll bring the papers to the restaurant when they are ready. Please be patient a while longer.

How much longer is it going to take? My son's waiting outside, so I'll think we'll go and have a bite.

Join the "Pay Your Taxes Campaign"



Eeeek!!



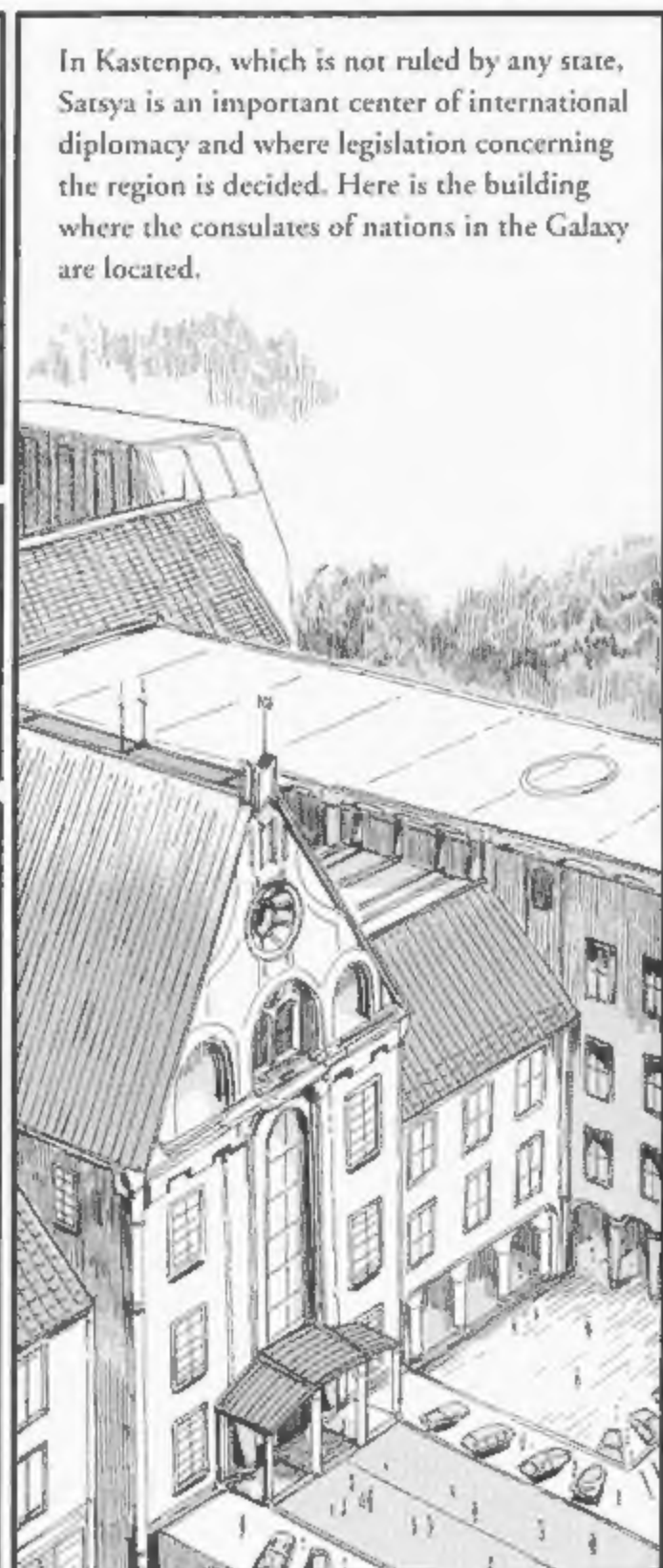
The Consul was meeting with an emissary from Buchlma...

What's going on...



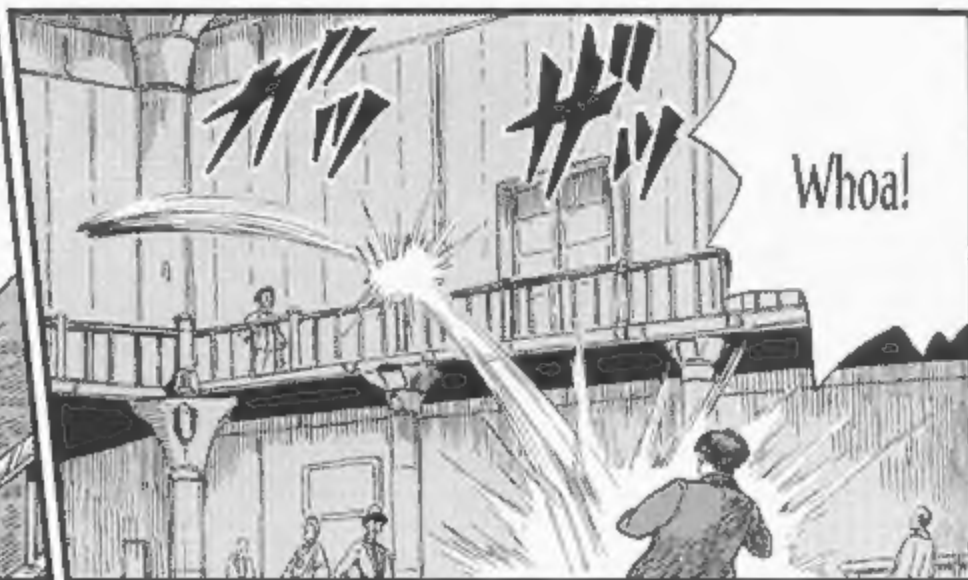
Someone call the police!!

The To-maqui Consul!! He's been...





Eeek!

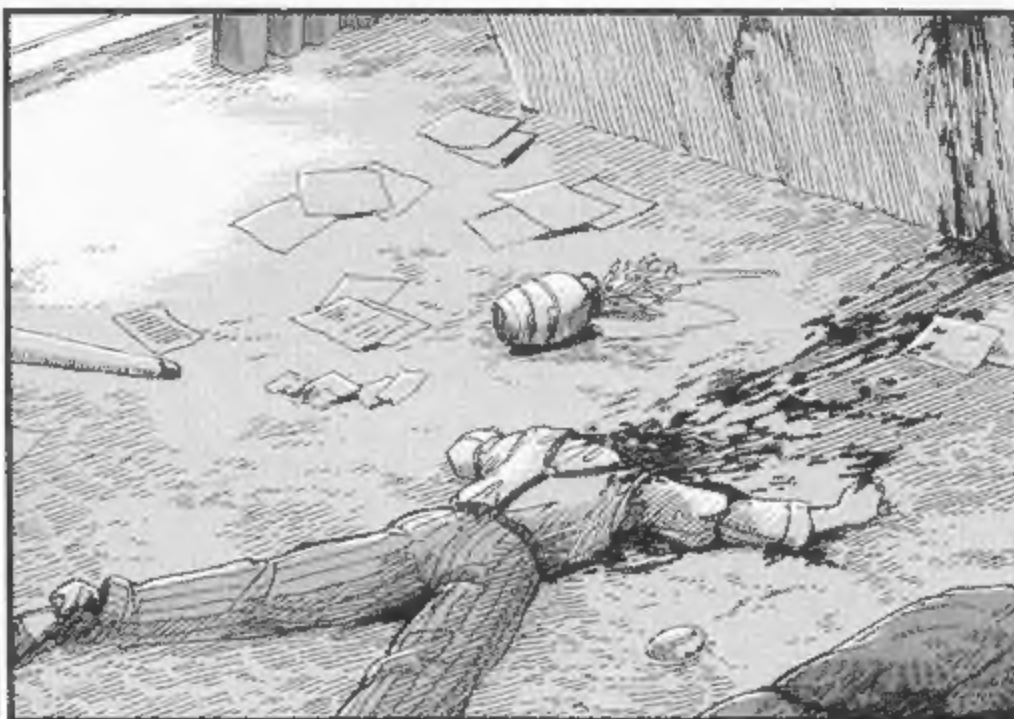


Whoa!



The killers
have gotten
outside...

Taaa...



My god!



I'll take the two down
here... You get the
two on the roof...

There's four of
'em... They've
split into two
groups...



Hey, Ma!!



Is that anyway
to address your
"mother?"...

Jaquous! Watch
your language!

Making a fool out of his mother like that... That's why I didn't want a boy...

よっくらどっかい

Where did I go wrong in the raising that child?

Oooh! Please! Don't leave me behind... What am I going to do?

Jaquous! Wait! Jaquous!!

Jeez! I ain't got time for that, Ma! Just capture 'em, okay. Don't kill 'em.

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Let's see... range about 50 meters...

More like divers...

50m

There they are... They don't seem to be headliners, though.

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Get goin'! They're enemies of the Mirages!

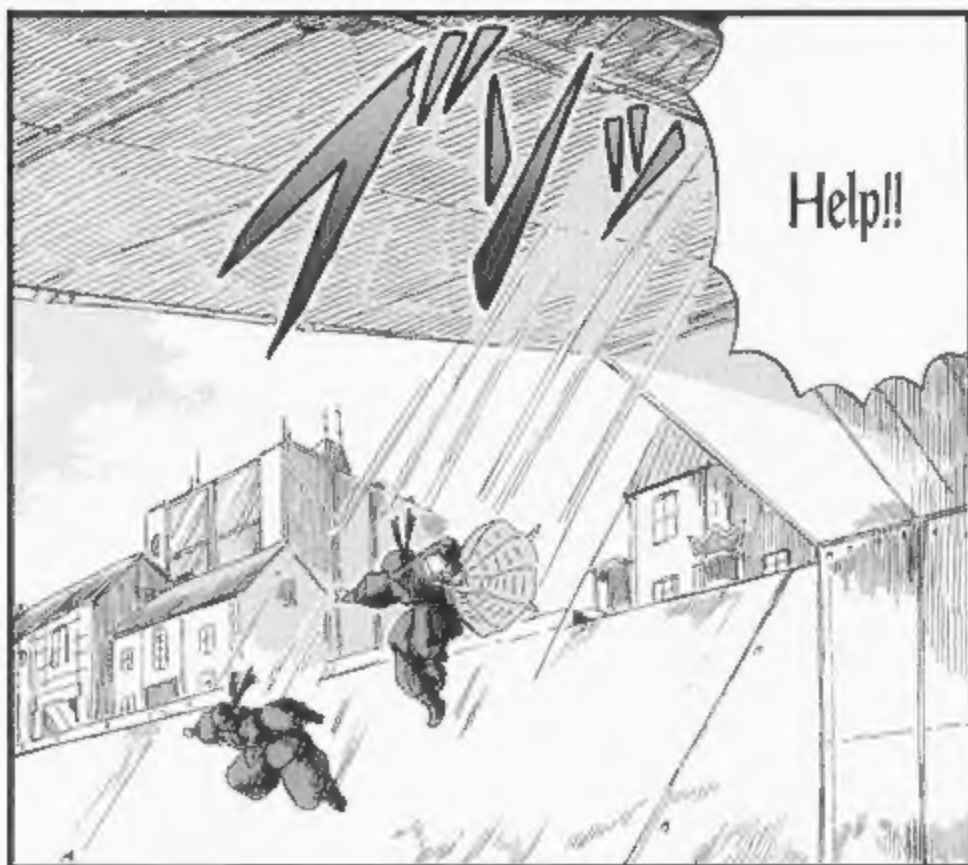
Stop right there, you two!!

Ahem...

Whoops...

Aaaarggh!!





I'm the leading character! Not too shabby!



Wait a minute!
This is developing
like another comic
I know!

We'll be gone
before you
know it!



Now turn around
and start walking.
A hundred meters...
and don't look back!

Don't come
any closer,
kid!



Please... I don't
like this...



What are
you doing?

Mom's Sword
Special!!



If I don't do
something...
What'll the
other guys say?



Oh no! I can't
believe this!! She's
right outta one of
those girls' comics!

ボロボロの髪、眼鏡、鼻の大きな鼻、髪は短く、目も大きい...
Bolded hair, glasses, nose fitting blouse, she's turnin' me on... And if she has high socks and droopy eyes...

Ma-ma-ma-ma...



But what am
I gonna do...
This is makin'
me unhappy...

おおお...

うなうなうな...



Blade...

A Sonic...



?



Bullseye!! And
got to peek at
what's under
that skirt to boot!
Bingo!!



Eeek!!



Your Highness!!

Huh?



I wondered what was
keepin' you two...
fooling around with
some kid...!



I'm afraid we can't
let you and your
girlfriend continue
your little romance...

Kid's time is now
officially over...

This is Kastenpo, Your Highness, the land of sorcerers and demons!! If anything happened to you... Your ancestors would never...



Didn't I ask you please not to wander off?

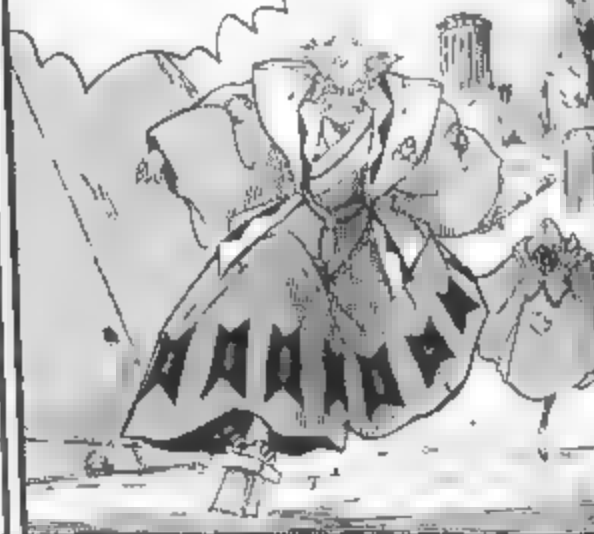
Your Highness!!
Your Highness!!



Now get ready for a royal ass whooping, you blackhearts!!



And you bastards!! What in the hell do thing you're doing manhandling this young lady!!



But listen and listen good!

This is a man's job!! I'll tell you what... I'll give you the privilege of taking care of Her Highness while I'm busy with these pigs.



You snot-nosed little brat... They mean business, dammit... Go play on the swings...

These guys are mine... It's not your fight, gramps... Butt out...



Hey! Hold on there a minute, grampa!



Don't fuck with me old timer. I'm warning you. Have a binge.

Or touch those young, nubile breasts...



If you do as much as even think of what it would be like to stick your slimy hand up this beautiful young girl's skirt...



I will chase you to the ends of the earth, rip your head off and shit down your neck!!



Let's go!

Huh?



I'm being upstaged...

I think



Shit, I guess I'll have to do as he says...

Grrrr... I'm really getting pissed...



Roger!!

We'll leave the old man to you, Kesagi!!



Are you serious about this?

Now as for you sir knight of Buchlgma...

Let me introduce myself...
I am Unryu no Kesagi
national hero of the Buchtigma
Sorcerers Kingdom, captain of
the Capricorn Corps of the
Hexagon Knighthood.

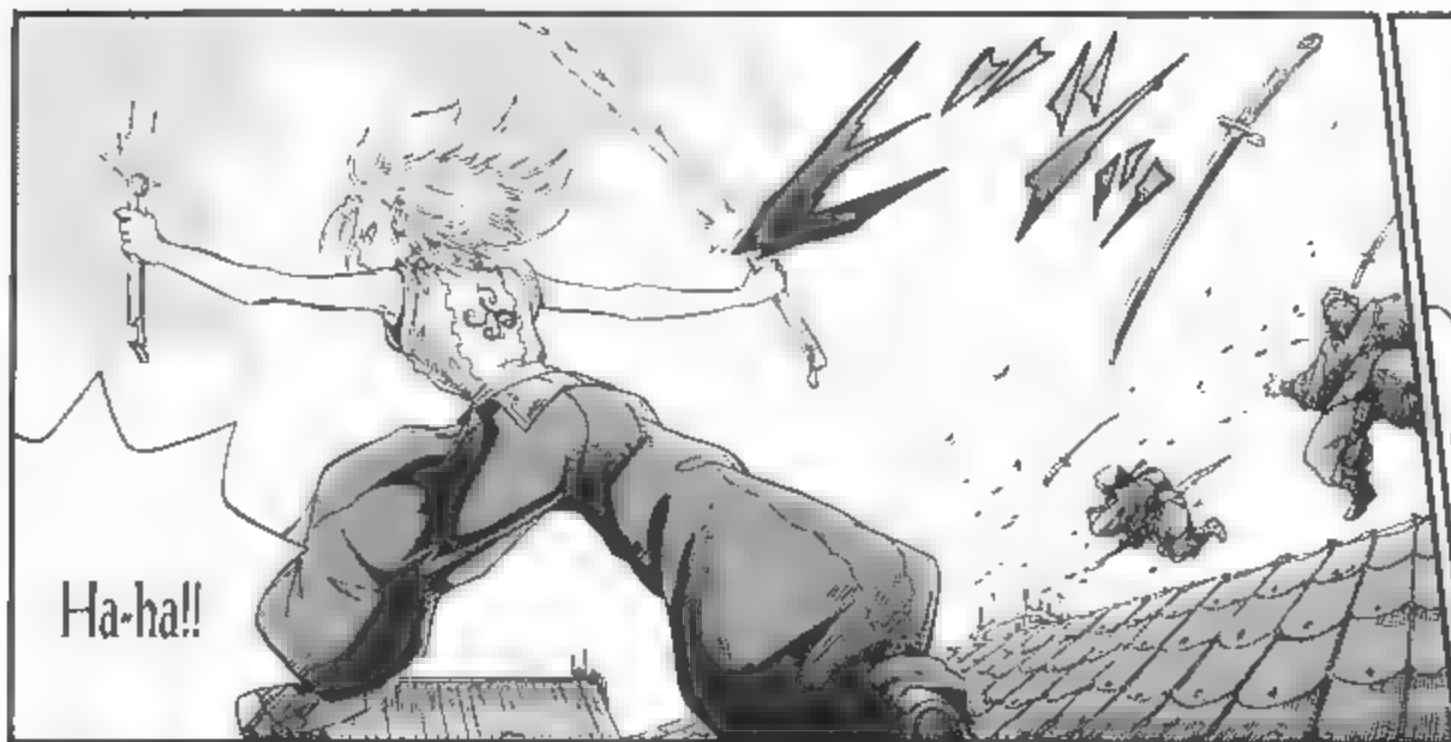
Such a chance
comes only once in
a lifetime... To cross
swords with the one
and only Olkaon
Harris!

Of course... After all
you're the best
headliner in the
whole Bakinnrakkan
Empire... on Addler
for that matter...

We're trapped!

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I'll take care
of 'em!



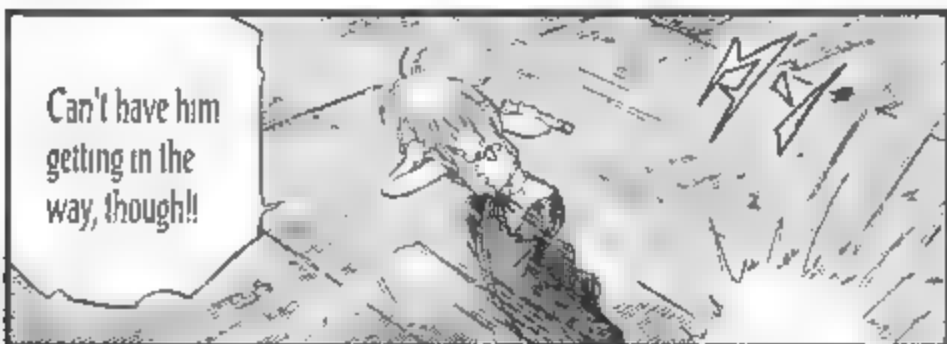
Ha-ha!!

Oof!

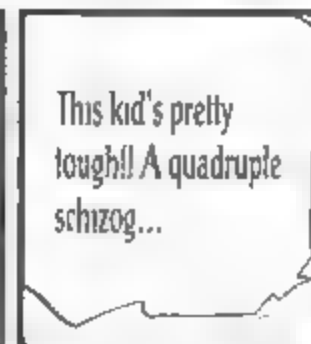


Okay.

Now's your chance, Lady Fatima... I'll cover you...



Can't have him getting in the way, though!!



This kid's pretty tough!! A quadruple schizog...



Three of you get after the fatima and the girl!!



My my! If it's not the young white hope of the JOTA knights... Jaquous Quo'n Hash! Listen, kid... You don't mean cat squal in this world... Get used to it!!



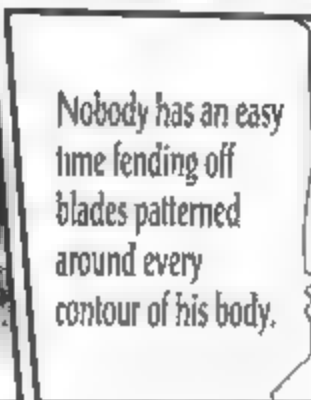
Guys like the action up close when it comes to chicks!

Shit! When are you gonna grow up!

Especially JOTA men... Come on down here you chickenshit whore!!



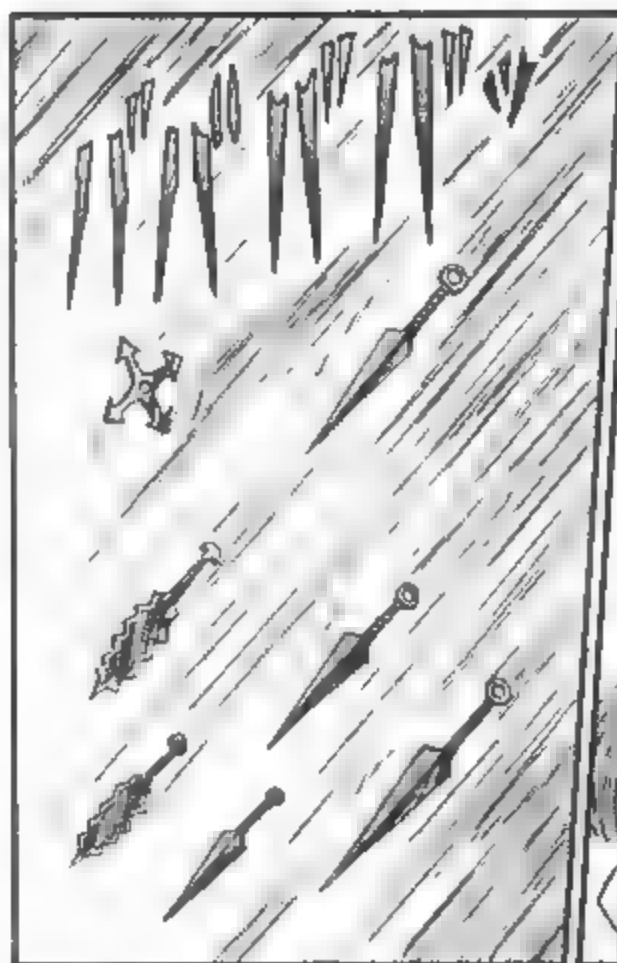
Whoa!



Nobody has an easy time fending off blades patterned around every contour of his body.



Here's some silhouette targeting for you!! I don't care how good you are...

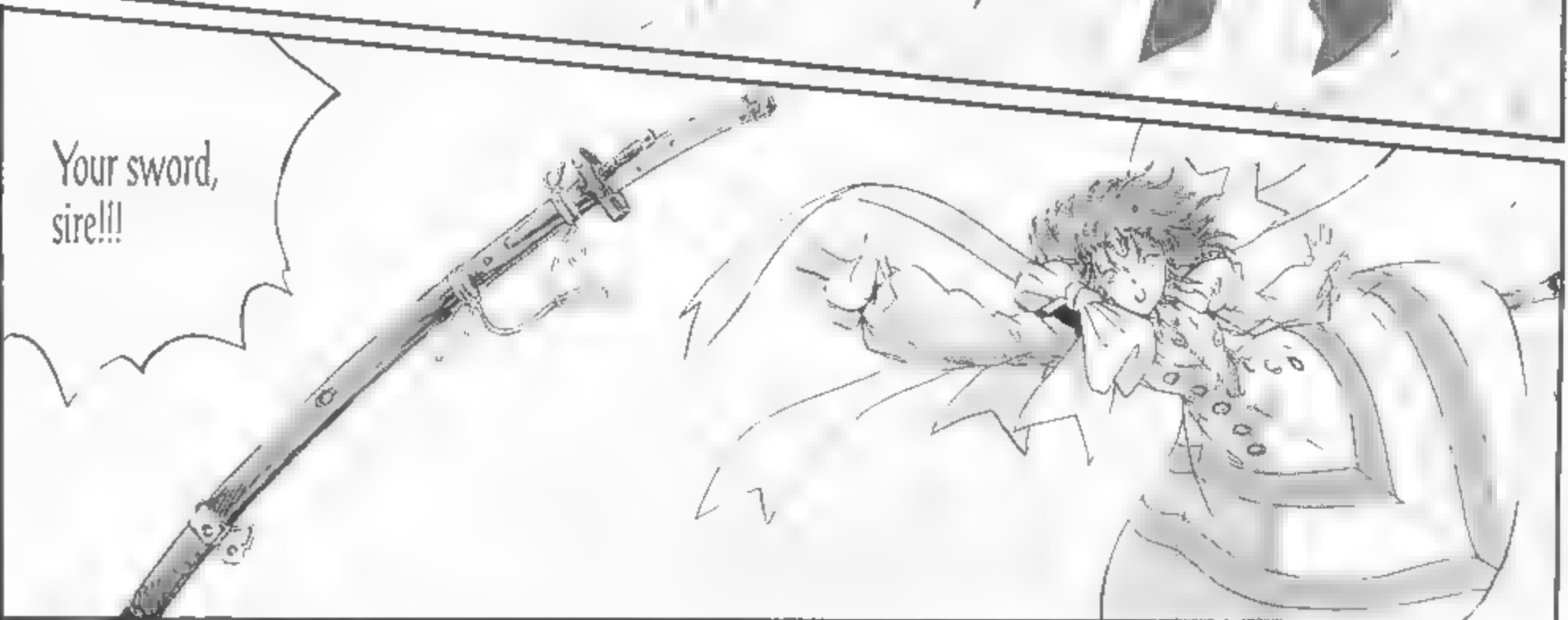




Belly back, jag
and go! Hell
of a move, kid!



Master!!



Your sword,
sire!!!

Right on cue,
Aurora!! Thanks!



A headdliner!!



That young
man is doing
extremely
well...

I'm
screaming!



You dog. Why
didn't you say
you were a
headdliner, for
cryin' out loud!

Ha-ha-ha! She
knew what
was happening
all along!



He might be just
the one to take
charge of my
Mighty Series.

Despite his adolescent
physical development
preventing him from
achieving his true
headliner potential,
he's giving Tomoe a real
run for her money down
here, don't you think?

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It seems that I'm not the
only one with doubts
about the abilities of the
present candidates for
the Mighty Series...

Is that so,
Dr. Diamond?
Hmmm.

What I
want is...

For example... ummm... let's
say there's a trap so obvious
that anyone could detect it...
A headliner that would jump
recklessly into a predicament
like that is far too intelligent
for the Mighty Series.

He-he-he... In the
opposite sense, Your
Highness... You see, all
three machines in the
Series require headliners
with the least amount of
brains possible.

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Such feral headdliners are extremely hard to come by... Trying to get three of them is going to be a very difficult task indeed.

....a headdliner who jumps into traps unaware that they're there in the first place... the lower the IQ, the better...

I can't believe I'm hearing this from the only meght in the Galaxy with ten Brads.*

Your own Salome, for instance... Far too advanced...

And the three test machines themselves... My design is way too delicate for the task at hand.

My partner, Queen, is far too subjective mentally... and I have to disqualify myself as well... he-he-he.

Even my own fatimas won't do. Dr. Ballanche's creations are alright, but...

They are more beautiful than any woman's here at the Palace. I wish I could be as beautiful.

Yes, I love your feet, Dr. Diamond... Massaging them like this makes me feel so relaxed.

You certainly are infatuated with my feet, Your Highness... he-he.

Ha-ha-ha... Fathom that! The Princess of Shiegiruck in love with a man's feet... Ha ha-ha!

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*Five braids for an MH meight, five for a fatima meight.





Blind Sword!!

!!



You know, Jaquous...
Swordsmanship isn't
the only requirement
for knighthood.



Sir Braford!!



Would you mind
helping me find
out who he is,
Your Majesty?

That
settles it...

What was he thinking!
Jumping head first into
what any fool could
tell was a cloud of
noxious red smoke...



Up and
away!

On the open field, a massive explosion occurred. The sword of the knight and the woman's sword were thrown into the air.

Coming down out of that space colony to grace us with his presence... Very rare indeed..

His name is Jaquous, the son of JOTA elder Korteza and Iemarah Jajas of the Mirage Corps. Kaien has named him successor to the title of Silver Knight.

No need for that, Nea..

Mayor Suzuka!


We can't have you being seen in such a place .. Tsk, tsk... Fillmore and the AKD are bound to become suspicious..

Be that as it may .. I've been looking all over the Galaxy for you, Diamond.

This isn't Izumo Astro City,* you know. Let's go home... Now!

After all, you're the creator of the Temple Series, right? How could we keep the project top secret with you making a spectacle of yourself here?

*A commercial space city state in the Galaxy's second solar system, located between the planets of Karmanto and Anthrino. Known throughout the Galaxy for its development of mechatronic mecha steel, which is the most powerful key technology to prevent foreign intervention. The ruler of the city is the young Kazen Suzuka, a master swordsman, headliner and famous megalomaniac.




And that S-mark...
Still so familiar and
endearing



But the smell of
the air and the
city haven't
changed a bit...

The people may
have all changed
since I was put to
sleep under the
Earth Dragon 150
years ago...



Your Majesty...
Why don't we let
Queen have her
way and stay down
here on land for a
little while longer.

Tsk! Well
alright I guess
I'll have to keep
you company
then..

...Cloud Dragon Kesagi and Hurricane Kaeshi...

Well, well... If it isn't Kesagi ... of the knighthood on Borge-bulldon Satellite, which made a name for itself in the Porka War on Jūno...

Ha-ha! Your memory serves you well, old boy We're still together... me and Kaeshi at Buchtoma. We're a tag team!

Two Gust Temples in tandem. I brought 15 MMs to their knees in the fighting.

Let me introduce myself... My name is Iemarah. I am with the Mirage Knights.

That family emblem... the Harris' of Bakkimrakkan, if I'm not mistaken...

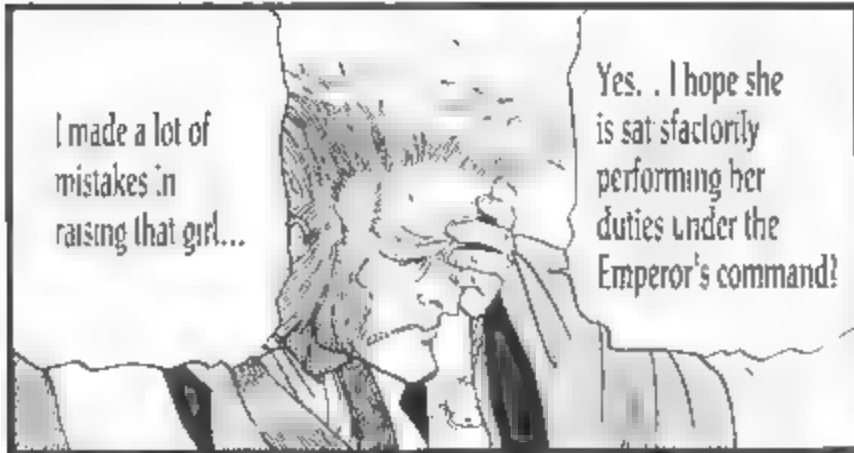


is she... aaah...
you know
aaah... behaving
herself?

My...
aaah... da...
daughters

Tha...
that's...
aaaah...

The Mi...
Mirage
Knights!



I made a lot of
mistakes in
raising that girl...

Yes... I hope she
is satisfactorily
performing her
duties under the
Emperor's command!



Huh?
...?
..Oh!

You mean
Spark...
I remember
now... She's...

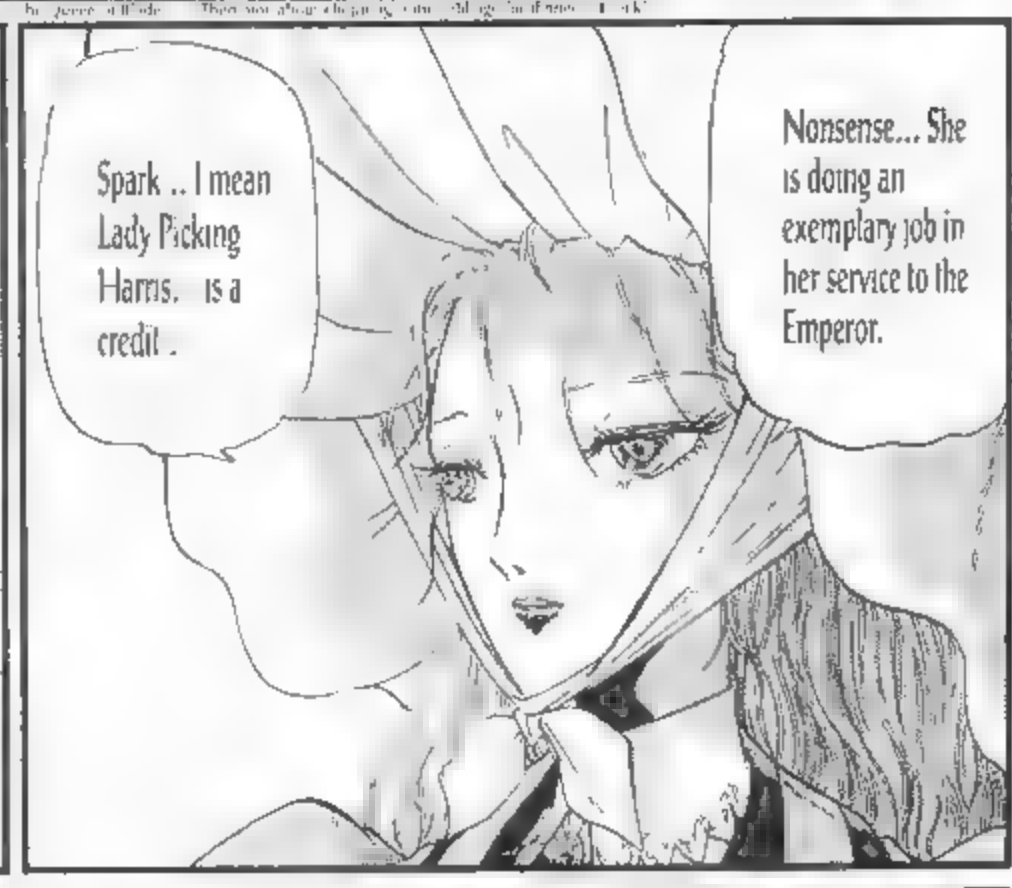


He looks
something like
this... has a filthy
mouth... still in
his teens...

But to the business
at hand... I'm
looking for my son.
I wonder if you
may have seen him.



Thank you Lady
Iemarah... For
being so... so
gracious...



Spark... I mean
Lady Picking
Harris... is a
credit...

Nonsense... She
is doing an
exemplary job in
her service to the
Emperor.



I'm analyzing the
chemical now... certainly
hope it's not delayed
action over acid we're
dealing with



Here is the
diagnosis

I... I can't
breathe... I'm
done for...



How is he,
Kyo?

My eyes!
They hurt
like hell!

You!! Why didn't you tell me you were a knight!!

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Are.. are you going to be alright?

Ha-ha! A ninja with a sense of humor... some seasoning for the young man...

ずるっ

It was a mixture of cayenne and white pepper ..

I learned how to use a sword from my Uncle Olkaon, who told be all about about Sword Sage Dougulus Kaien...

Oh . is that so? Well...

Kill or be killed!!

And since when do knights use the back of their swords in battle?

What he meant, I think, is that it's not right to kill just for the sake of killing...

That's the kind of headliner I want to be... With the help of Sir Dougulus wisdom

I would never want to kill in vain... Sir Dougulus once said...

"I won't fight unless I know I can win." That's what makes me invincible...

私の懐園様

I never wanted to become knight. but it was my destiny... and if so...

Really pissed me off, you know... Got right up into his face about it, too...

Well... he tried to get into my mom's pants once...

You've actually met him? How awesome! ...Wow!!

I guess you haven't heard. .

Kaaa. .iiii...eeennn! You mean "Booty Chaser" Kaien?

もっふ

You know what he did... Turned tail and ran... Backed down... What a pussy...

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What would some four-eyed school girl know about it, anyway?

What are you talking about! He was just tryin' to cop a feel... that's all... Dirty old man.

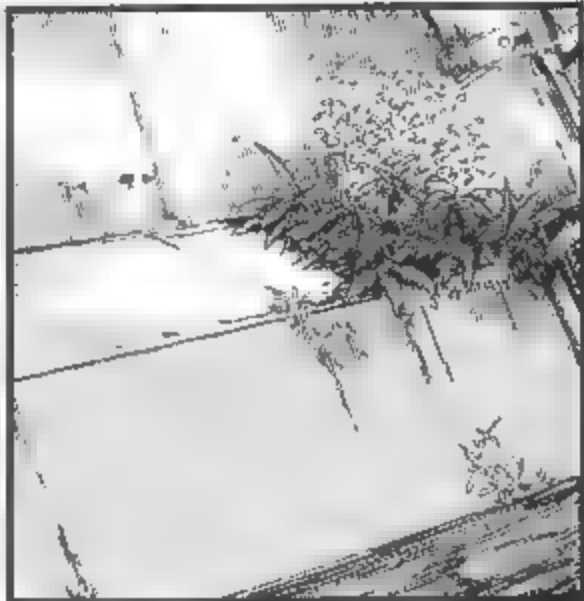
It's because he knows that women like it when men caress them in the right places!!

No... no way!! Sword sages are... are... awesome...

I can't even believe it sometimes. Being better than a sword sage. No! That's just pants on fire.

Sort of like those two... What do say, Kyo?

Maybe so, but who's the girl?



The rape blossoms are early this season...

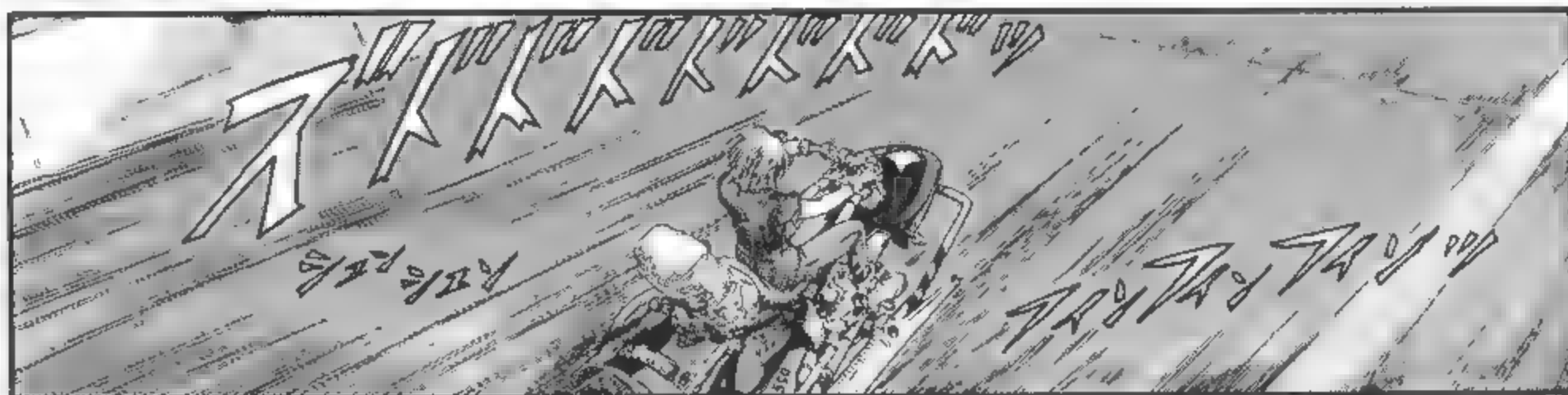
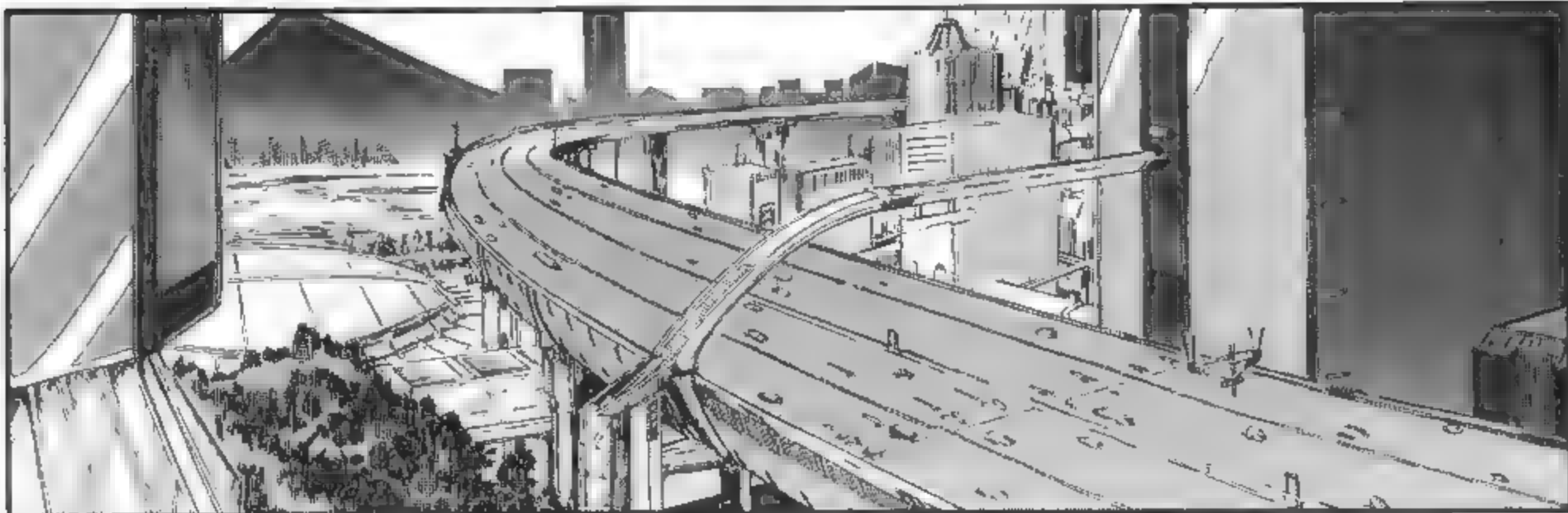
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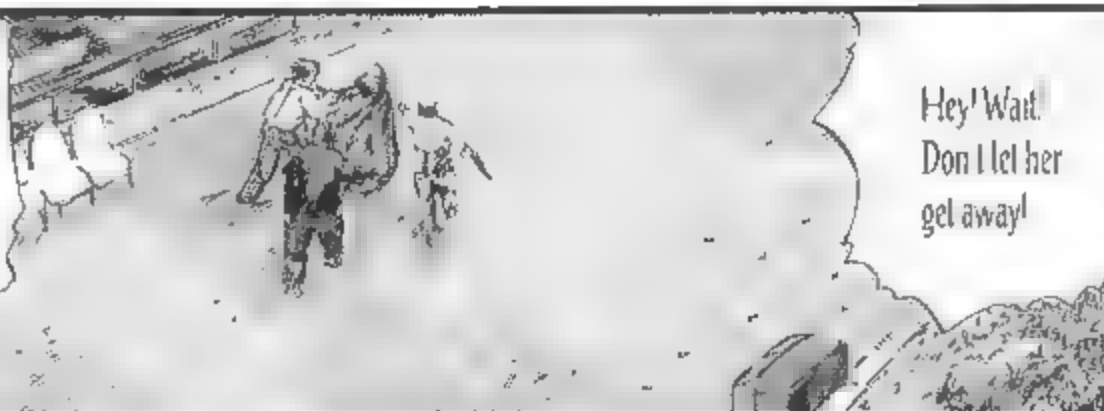
Both J.C. 3001

The Black Fate of Death

No-kye City, Kastenpo Region on the Planet Both



Be a good girl and
everything'll be
okay. . he-he-ne...



Hey! Wait!
Don't let her
get away!

Hey!



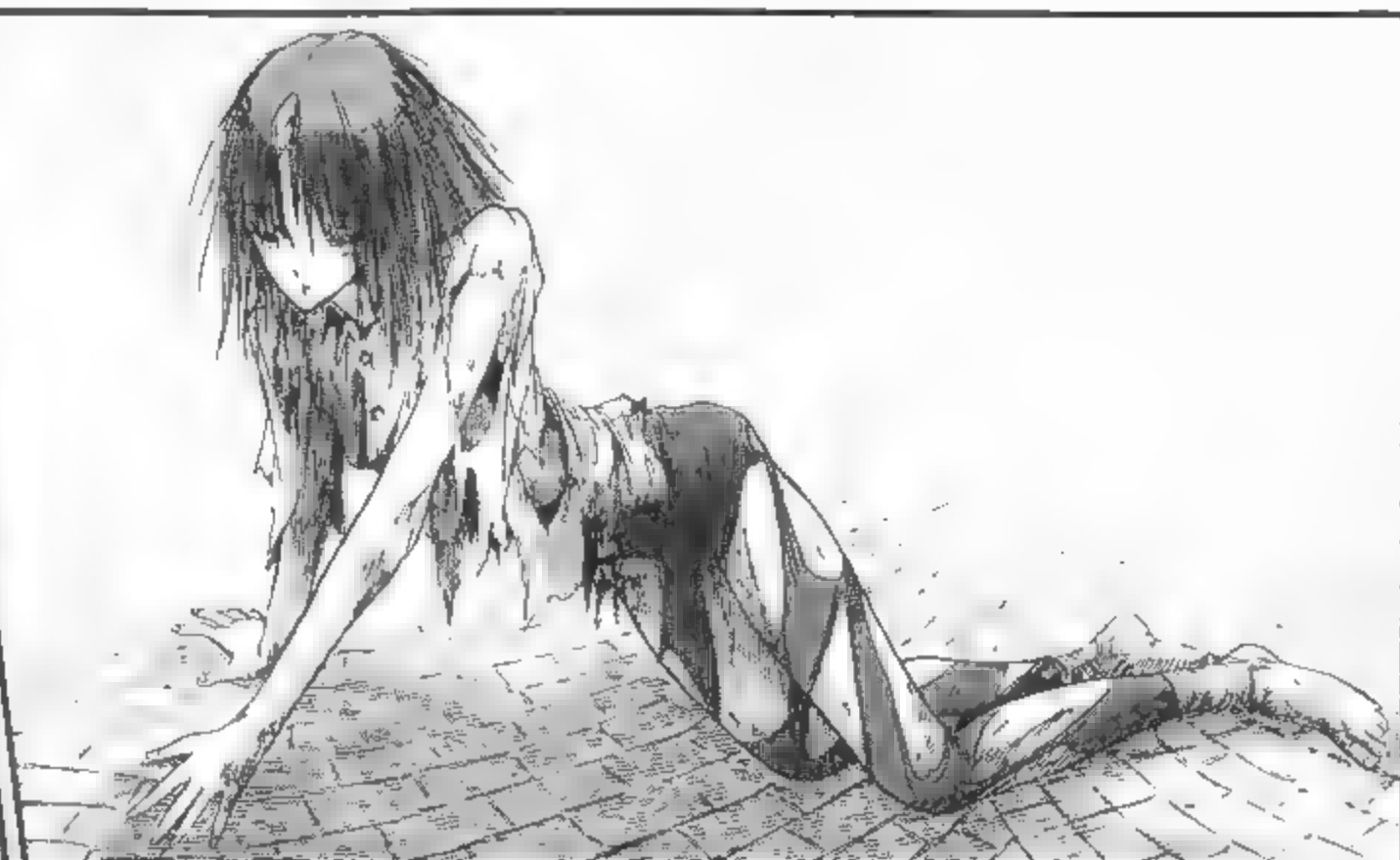
Whoa! Where
do you think
you're going!

An unpro-
tected fatima!
What a find!

If we turn her into
the knighthood,
we'll get a reward...
Ah, what the hell...
he-he-he...

Wow!





First, we've got to get her off the street. Come on!



I don't think I'll be going to work today.

She'll do anything we say! Let's have some fun!

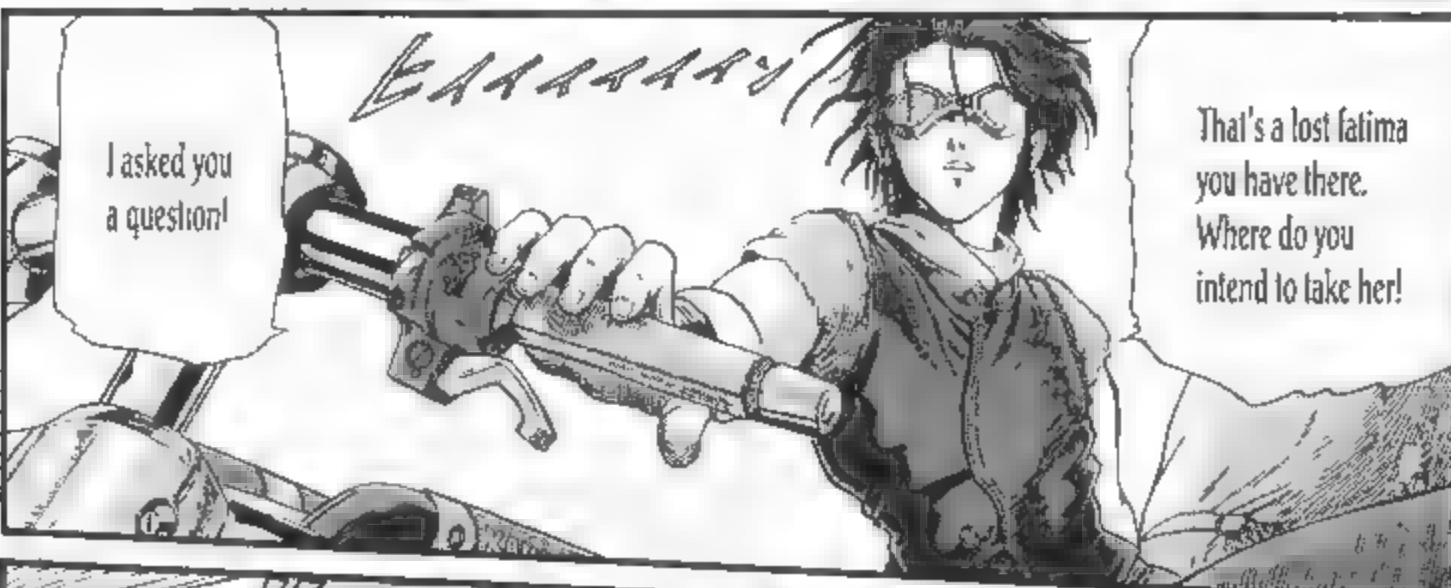


Let's get some handcuffs... he-he-he...

Right! Let's go! No funny business, now!



What a beauty!



I asked you a question!

That's a lost fatima you have there. Where do you intend to take her!



Shut up and get the fuck outta here, kid!



Hold on there!!

Aaaargh! You broke my arm!! I've been attacked by a headliner, an innocent civilian!! I'm going to the authorities!!



Who are you, kid? A headliner? Attacking civilians, huh?

I'm just able to react a little faster than ordinary people...



I'm no headliner!



And here's what you all say after you play with them like sex toys...



Having your way with defenseless fatimas... getting your rocks off...



I've seen plenty of grown men like you.

Look in any headliner registry in the Galaxy... You won't find my name anywhere...

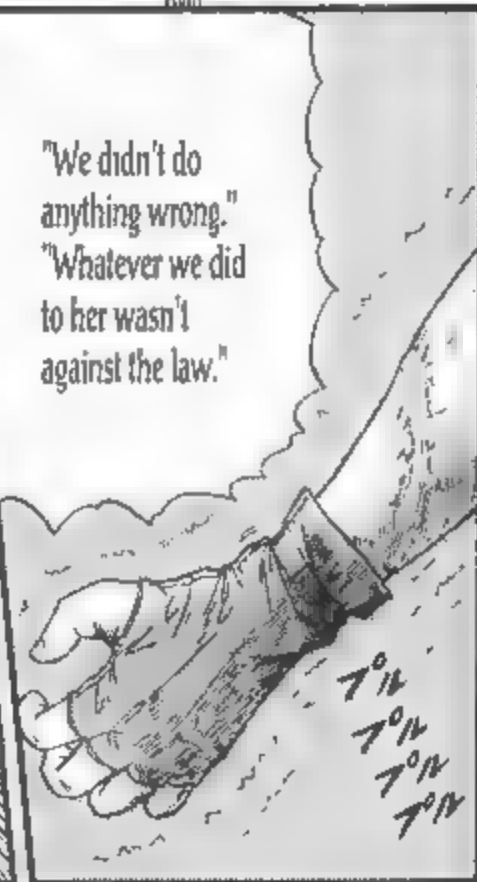


Oof!



That's what all you bastards say watching the blood run down their legs.

"We didn't do anything wrong."
"Whatever we did to her wasn't against the law."



You'll will never
be allowed to use
your talents in
public again...

I... I'm going...
with them...

Please stop... It's
not right to injure
civilians.

!!

No Stop

Shut up! I don't
want to hear it!

Not again!

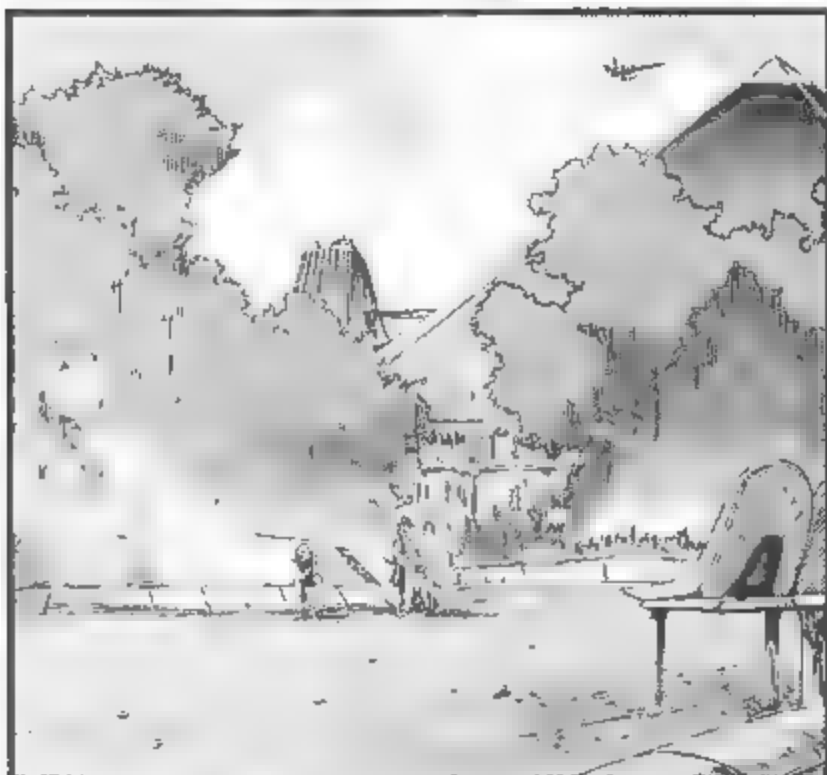
Ow!!

That's enough!
It's too early in
the morning
for all this!

Ow!!!

Thank you for your
help... I think you
should go now...

We are headliners!
We'll take her into
our custody...



We're screwed if
we hang around
here any longer!
Let's go! Damn!

Come back
yesterday.
Bye-bye for
now.

Oh-oh

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まじで
めんどい

Ow. Let me
go, dammit!

Tsk, what a shame!
Seems you've been
on your own for
quite a while...

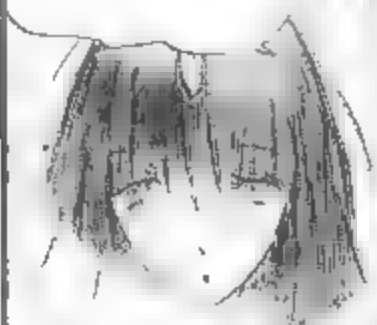
Damn that
hurt

...no matter how
torn and tattered
they get...

Fatimas without
masters only
have their fatima
surls to wear...

In Kastenpo, all it
takes is about a week
for a lost fatima to
wind up like that.

Hardly!





That's why I am bound
to escape when held by
someone who is not
allowed to keep fatimas

I knew that I must
do what is right
but it is also my duty
to find a master



Ten days ago
I ran away from a
government office
of Arisa

I have been taken
into custody by
many knights and
sold into slavery
many times...



Ummm

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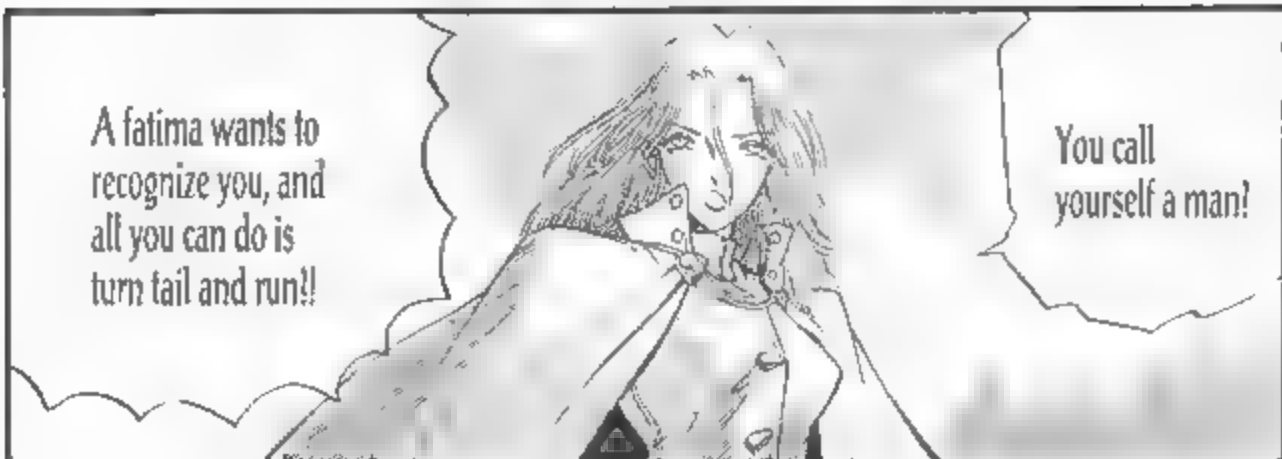
Is that so?
Good for you...
I'll be on my
way now...



Woke



What a coward!



A fatima wants to
recognize you, and
all you can do is
turn tail and run!!

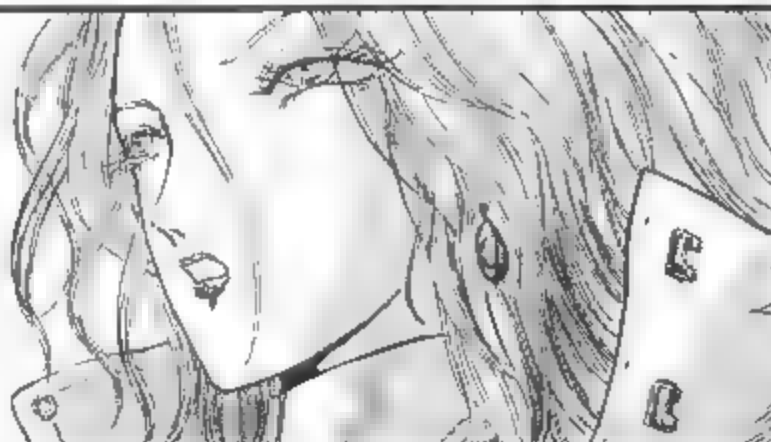
You call
yourself a man?



I'm not a
headliner... It's
not my job to
protect fatimas...

I know
but

All you want to do is
show off those powers
in front of weak
civilians... Satisfy your
over-inflated ego...



You have the powers of a
headliner, but there are
too many Galaxy rules
and regulations to
follow... Too much
responsibility... right?

That's
enough!



Get the hell
outta my sight,
you spineless
milksoy!



Compared to you,
she'd have been
better off with
those scumbags.

What!!



Aaaargh!



You're a lost
cause... I oughta
just kill you and
get it over with...

Resorting to
violence... at the
drop of a hat! No
civilian would stand
for such behavior!





I could never do that...

All pomp and circumstance You don't give a shit about civilians...



Nobody stands up after running into the back of my hand!

What the



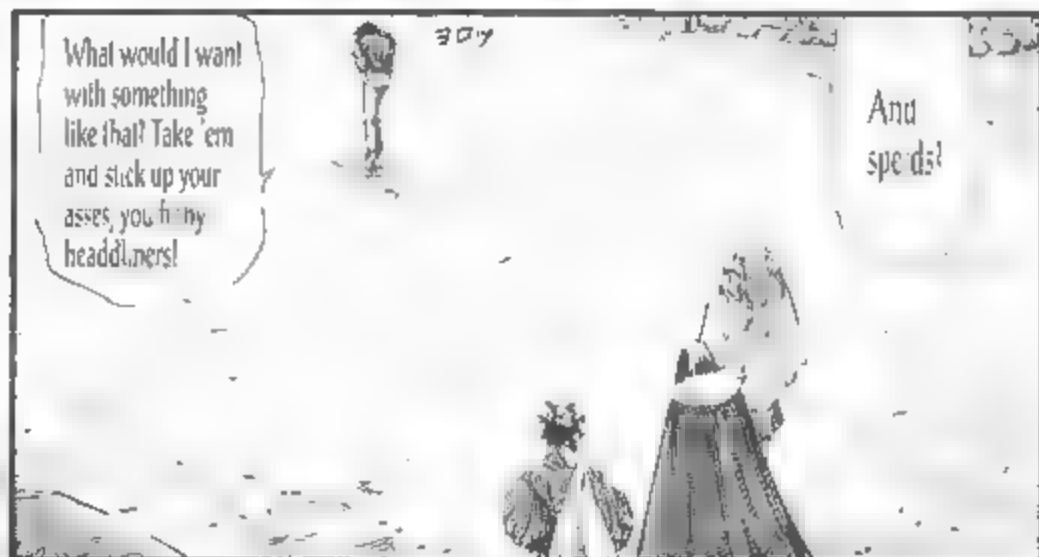
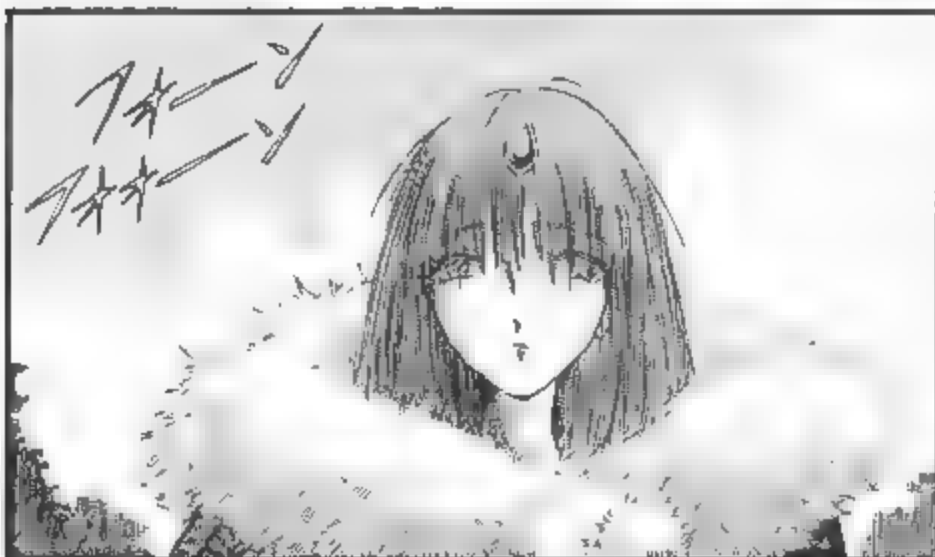
Headliners!

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You "holier than thou" bitch!

Fuck you!



What would I want with something like that? Take 'em and stick up your asses, you filthy headliners!

And speeds!



Qukey! Stop fooling around!! Why don't you speak so that someone else besides your husband and Pallenon can understand what the hell you're talking about!!

Bullshit! Those who understand... sooooo cool!



Our Mirage Corps will put you under protection until we can get you to a fatima debut.

Let him go.

My name's Aisha... this is Qukey...



Paigy! Paigy! Momma's an alchy!

I am Palsae!

Even the AKD canine corps is better trained for duty than you

Except for my Xoni. That's reserved for Allen.



You hit the nail right on the head, kiddo... You and only you.

And Princess Lucky... She even cooler... I serve them forever... Fuck me!

Allen heard... about Mirages... I go-go AKD. I over-rallypapa about His Majesty...



Two years ago... at the Zanda Home Games... 70% G-Force Iceboot Event for Headdliners..

Little rascal... Notice the replanted left hand?



The headdliner that was supposed to join before Braford was enlisted died in a space accident...

Despite your cordial presence, there are still vacancies in the ranks...



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Baabaa... baalhdya!

Its my birthday

You decided to pass up nos. 20 and 22 for 23... and they remain vacant..



What?

You mean that kid?

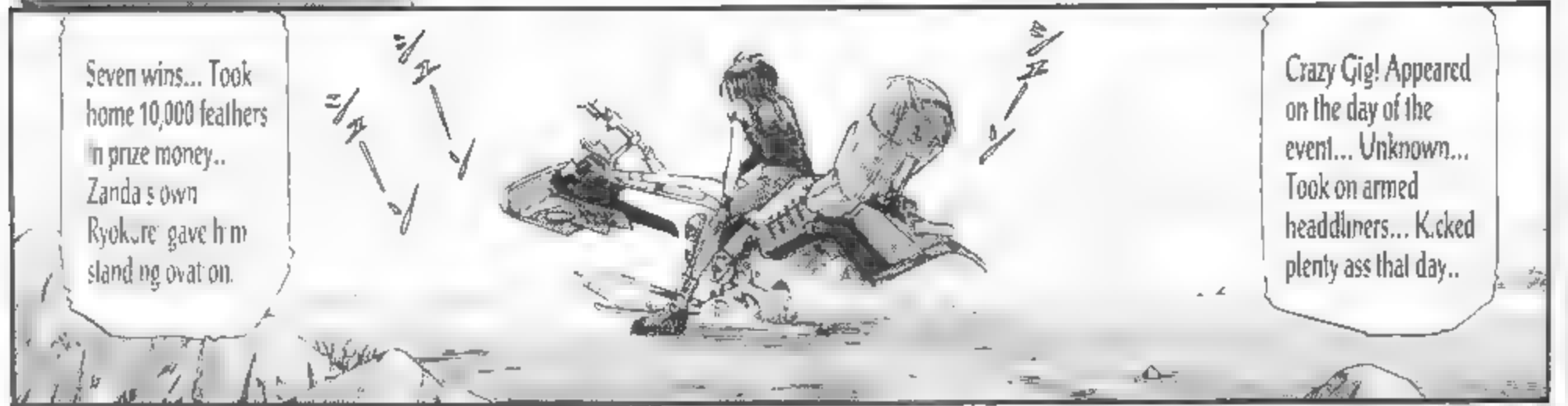
John We.nzel.

Baabaa!! Why you....!!!*



Seven wins... Took home 10,000 feathers in prize money.. Zanda's own Ryokare gave him standing ovation.

Crazy Gig! Appeared on the day of the event... Unknown... Took on armed headdliners... Kicked plenty ass that day..





Anyway... he's been around Kastenpo before ..

Or was she just better!

Damn!! She took me by surprise .



The Five Star Stories

A story about a young boy and a fatima?

Interested? Wanna hear about it?



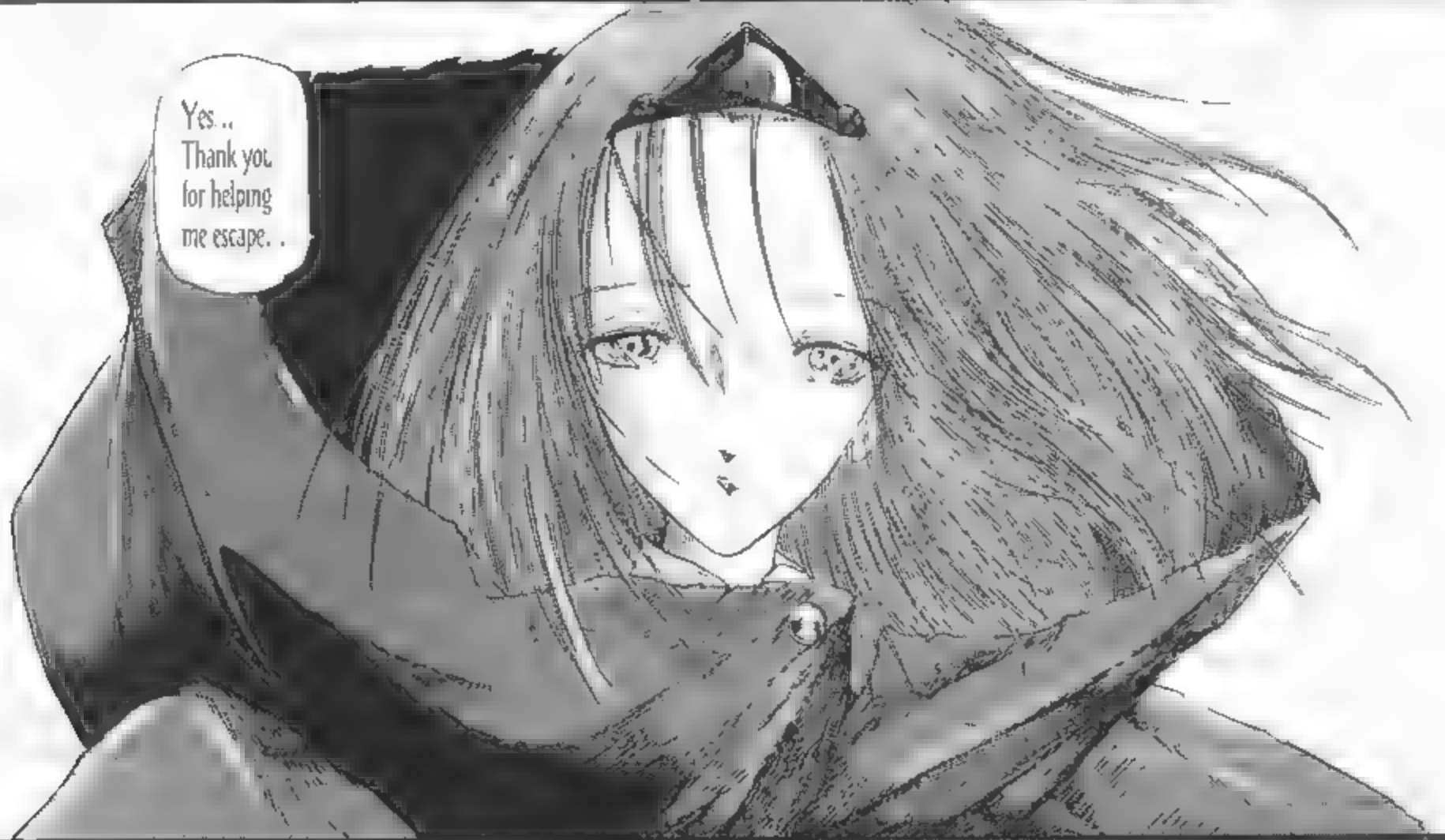
Valsher...



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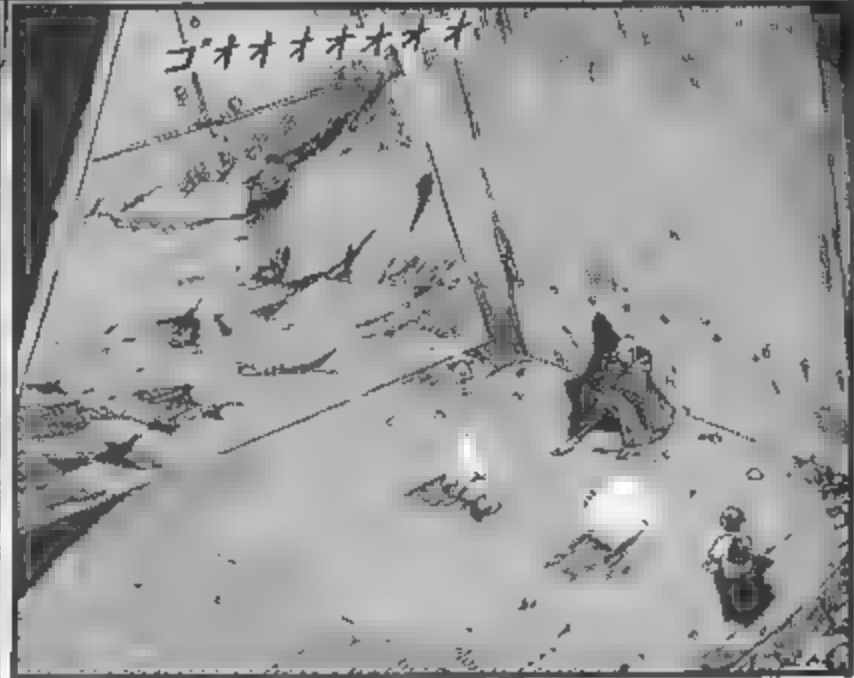
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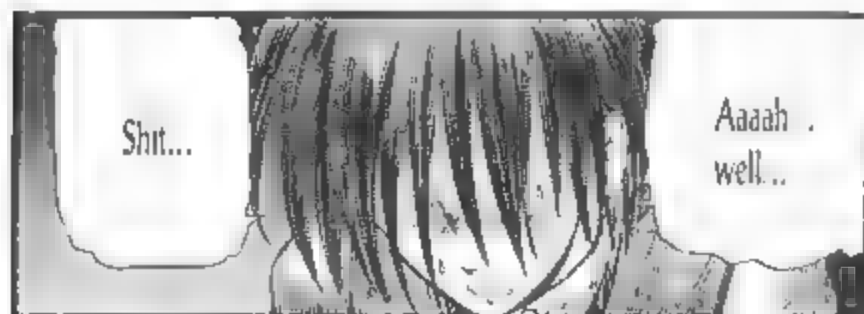
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TRAFFICS 2

CHAPTER 1





Shit...

Aaaah .
well...



Wasn't it?

Please call me
Valsher
John



What's it?



Aaah..
I..



Um



A real fatima...
standing right in
front of me...

I can't
believe it...

Wow!



And my mother was
always worrying
about what the
neighbors might do...
if I... you know... did
something... So I had
to leave home.

When I was born and
they found out I had
headdliner powers,
everybody got
jealous... and my
father lost his job..



Eye shades... Clothing
that glitters like its
submerged in water...
An... and... legs as
thin as wire.

It's exactly what
everybody says... Face
like a delicately crafted
Ming vase... Long
slender neck...



Join a famous
order... and make
all the folks back
home stand up
and notice!

I... I'm not a headdliner
yet... but someday...
I'm gonna be knighted
and granted my own
speid...



Uh-huh

When... I...
aah... become
a... headliner...
I... aah..

And ..
uum .. aah..

I've almost earned
enough money to
get a Striker... You
know... one of
those digs that
biker's ride!

I mean... that's ok
with me .. and
everything .. With
this strength, I get
all kinds of work.

With the abilities you
possess... you already
are a headliner.
Any fatma would
recognize that

John!

I don't..
well..

Really! I ..

Given my present
capabilities, I could
never call a
headliner... by
that name.

forming such
a partnership
would be out of
the question..

I should apologize
to you... You see
I don't function as
well as I use to

Tell me who you
are and where
you were born..
I'll take you back
home!

Then .. tell
me .. um..

As soon as I am taken
into custody, I'll can
think of is finding a
way to escape. It's
been that for as long
as I can remember

Even those deputized as
temporary headliners in
times of emergency wouldn't
have anything to do with
me. See! My head crystal
doesn't react anymore

...The factory was demolished in the wartime bombing...

Unfortunately, both my father, Dr. Lead, and attending physician, Dr. Clay died

Then what are you... ah we... gonna do?

I could stay with you... but it's possible that I may run away... again...

I honestly don't know...

Really?

Why don't you... aaah... Stay with me... for a while...

Then... you could call me "Master" if you wanted to...

Sure!! Yeah... Maybe I can help you!! We could find someone to fix you up!!

If it would not be a burden...

I think I would like to stay with you

My official name is BS-A-Os nicknamed "Valsher"

I am a North Aryan III Falma manufactured in 2876 at the Enha Factory on Kallamity under the direction of Dr. Oppen Lead

Model Type S
Serial Number BS3351
Power Gauge: Unknown due to malfunctioning

Exterior Defaults
Height 161cm
Weight 58kg
margin of error 4%

Eye Color: Dark green with blue contact lenses (green 30% transparency)
Skin Type: B-C-45
Hair Color: Light Brown
Body Hair Color: Dark Brown

What's happened to me!

That's the word I meant... It just won't come out...

....!

Nobody move
nobody get
hurt, okay?

What happened
to her! ...She
said she'd wait
here for me...

What's
goin' on?

クククク

That's her
cape!!

I'm gonna
kill all you
sonofabitches!!

Get outta
here, kid!!

Vatsher!!

What!
...

Headliners who do
harm to civilians
will never be able to
show their faces in
public again!!

John! Don't!!
Please!!

You heard the fatima,
kid!! She said to
leave... so git!!



But... but...
Vatsher!!

I'm used to
this... I'll be
alright. Don't
worry

ohh Please
leave

You dumb shit!! Walking
around in public with a
fatima who hasn't called
you "Master!!" You must
be outta your mind!!



And what-
ever you do,
don't joke.



Please
leave.



Hurry up!
It's my turn!!

What a body!
Not a trace of
meat on her
bones!!



Wow! Look
at that!!

You heard
the lady!!

Where do you
think you're
going, fool!!



I can't stand
by and let this
happen!!





Obvious to
what other men
were seeing and
thinking

Thought you
were some kind
of big shot, eh?



That scum in there saw
and heard everything!!
How could you parade
around with a fatima
in public like that?

But!!



You told them in that
shop over there that
you weren't her Master,
owner or anything of
the sort, right?



That means she belongs
to no one... not even
you... and that she's free
to the taker... finder's
keepers...



I'll step in this time...
since you haven't got
what it takes to be
called "Master."



No...





But... but...
look at the
blood!!



I was a fool...
Please forgive me,
Valsher...



I'm sorry...
I'm so sorry!!



With a little
persuasion from that
gentle knight, they
decided to let me go.



There's no
reason to
hate them

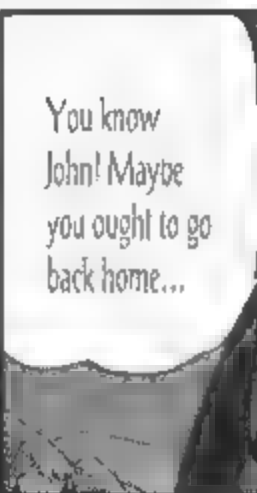


The reason why
you're sick is because
of people like them.

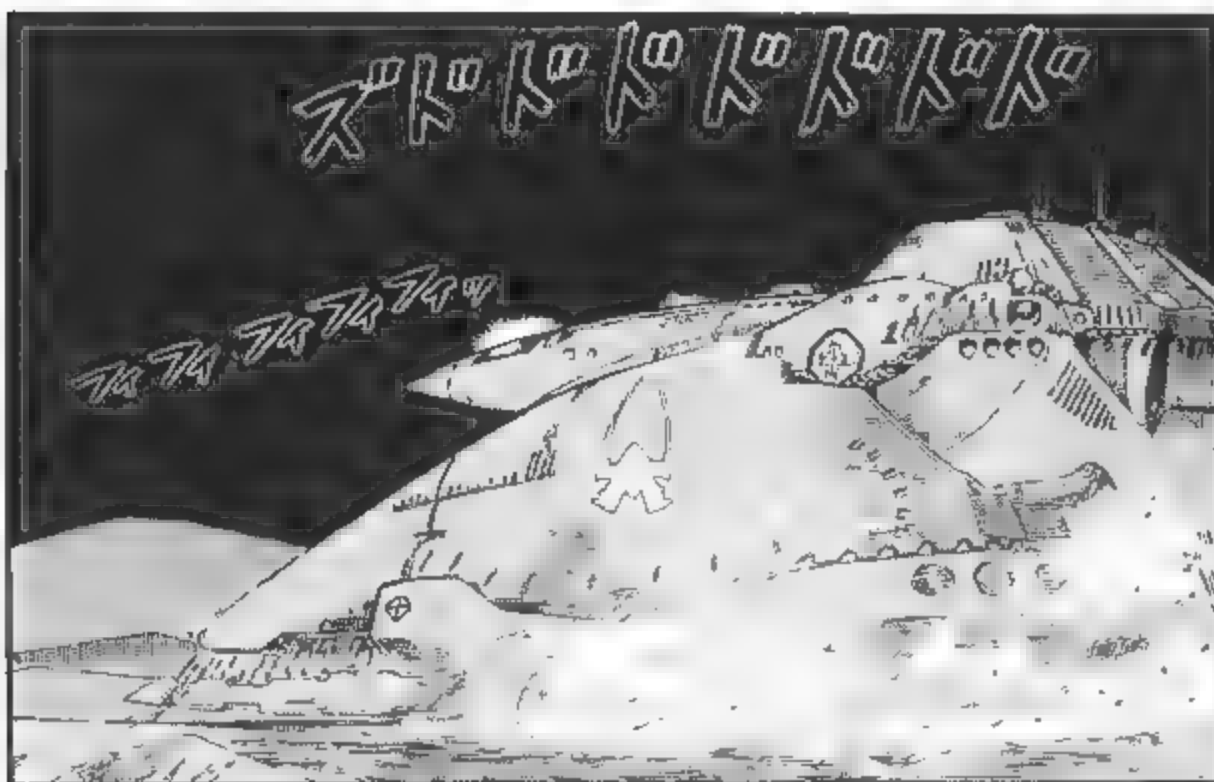


No!! I'm here
to protect you!!

You know
John! Maybe
you ought to go
back home...



I'm not human
Things like this
happen to us



John .



Let me help
you get well!!

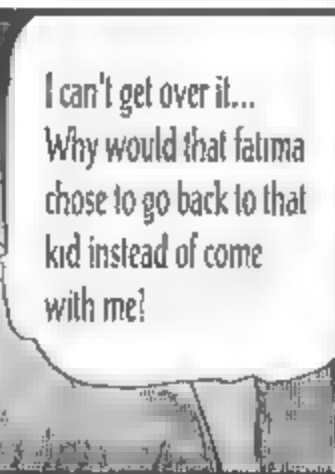


Please, Valsher!
Stay with me!!

What a laugh! Hey Tok?
...The great Super
Master of Jasturcurck
seems to be losing his
touch... Ha-ha-ha...



I can't get over it...
Why would that fatima
chose to go back to that
kid instead of come
with me!





It means
"Black Fates".

In Kastenpo
folk ore "Vatsher"
is the local name
for the Goddess of
Death

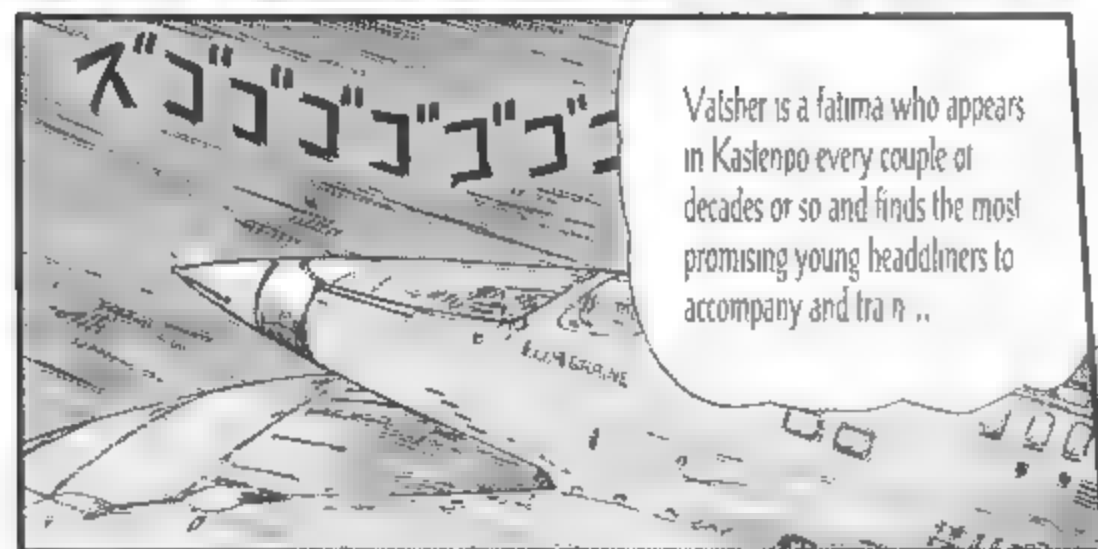
So I did some
research in Zanda
City today.

You ment oned
that she wasn't
function ng
properly



It's a very popular
legend in these
parts... It seems
that

Huh? What are
you getting at?



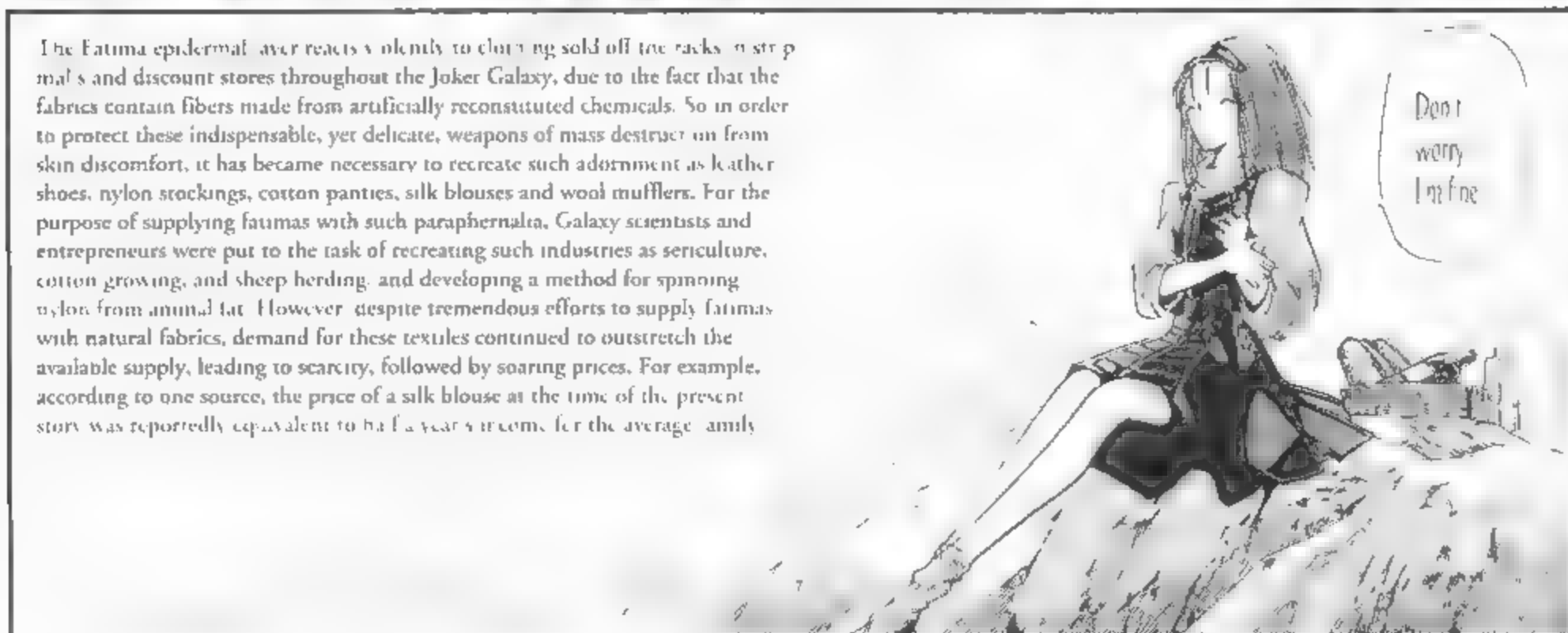
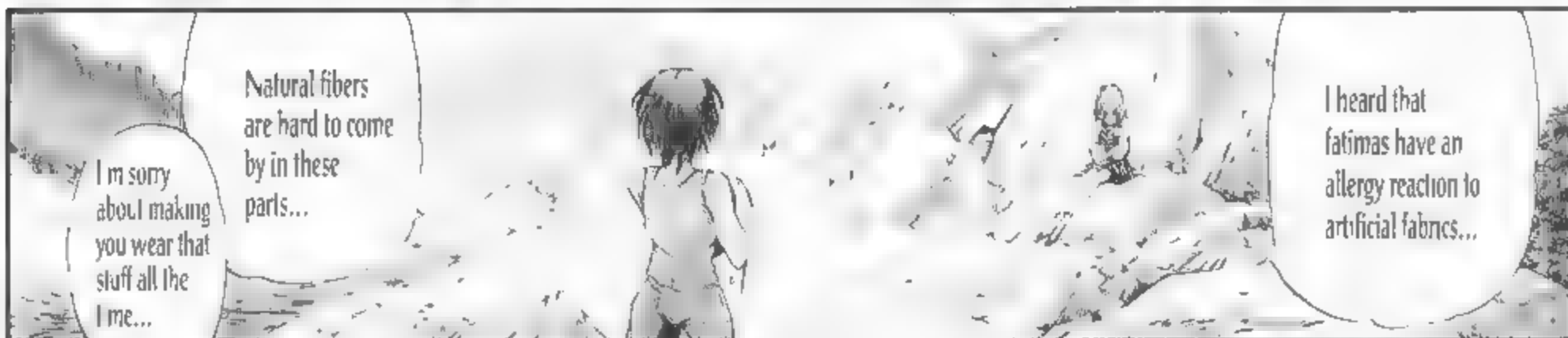
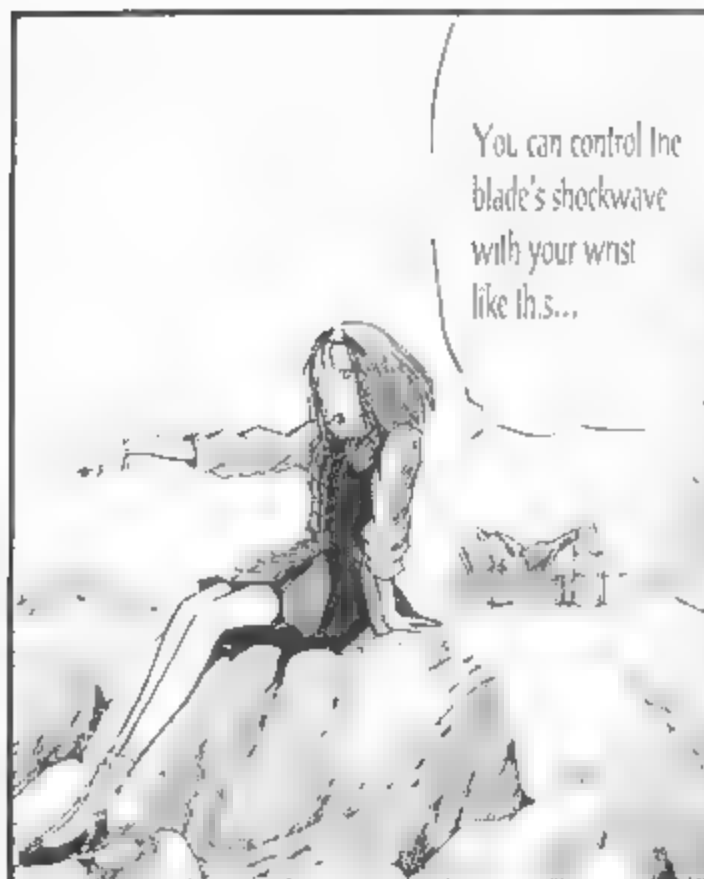
Vatsher is a fatima who appears
in Kastenpo every couple of
decades or so and finds the most
promising young headliners to
accompany and tra n ..



The reason why she is able to
wander around on her own
without harm is that she is
being protected by the Black
Dragon . That's consistent
enough with her reputation
as the Black Fates .

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According to the latest
version for the last few
years several of the
headliners who have
a legendy been
associated with her
have ended up dead .



The Fatima epidermal layer reacts violently to clothing sold off the racks in strip malls and discount stores throughout the Joker Galaxy, due to the fact that the fabrics contain fibers made from artificially reconstituted chemicals. So in order to protect these indispensable, yet delicate, weapons of mass destruction from skin discomfort, it has become necessary to recreate such adornment as leather shoes, nylon stockings, cotton panties, silk blouses and wool mufflers. For the purpose of supplying fatimas with such paraphernalia, Galaxy scientists and entrepreneurs were put to the task of recreating such industries as sericulture, cotton growing, and sheep herding, and developing a method for spinning nylon from animal fat. However, despite tremendous efforts to supply fatimas with natural fabrics, demand for these textiles continued to outstretch the available supply, leading to scarcity, followed by soaring prices. For example, according to one source, the price of a silk blouse at the time of the present story was reportedly equivalent to half a year's income for the average family.

Me! The
Sonic Blade?
Really?



Only the top
headliners can
do it, but with
practice you could
be one of them.



Once you've mastered
each blade, you can
combine them to
generate sonic blade
stream waves.

Wow!!



Let me show
you... I'm a
fatima, so I can
only do it for a
second, but...



I think so. But
remember,
John... The best
headliners never
rely solely on
such tactics.



Now

That was the
delay attack.



The most important
consideration in
battle is to know
your enemy's point
of attack at all times.



Use the parallel attack to keep your enemy from measuring his distance from you, or your angle of attack. Footwork is everything here...



You use the delay attack to throw off your enemy's timing.

Aw... awesome...



Parallel attack...



Ena?



.. but she used such tactics merely to limit her enemy's movements, like a blockade action...



Ena, the sword sage of the last generation could create 12 parallel images and 24 ring slicers...

As the saying goes, "One sword sage is enough for each age."



When she retired, Kaien suddenly reappeared...

She was the niece of D mos H abrak and succeeded Dougulus Kaien, who disappeared during the 2800s.

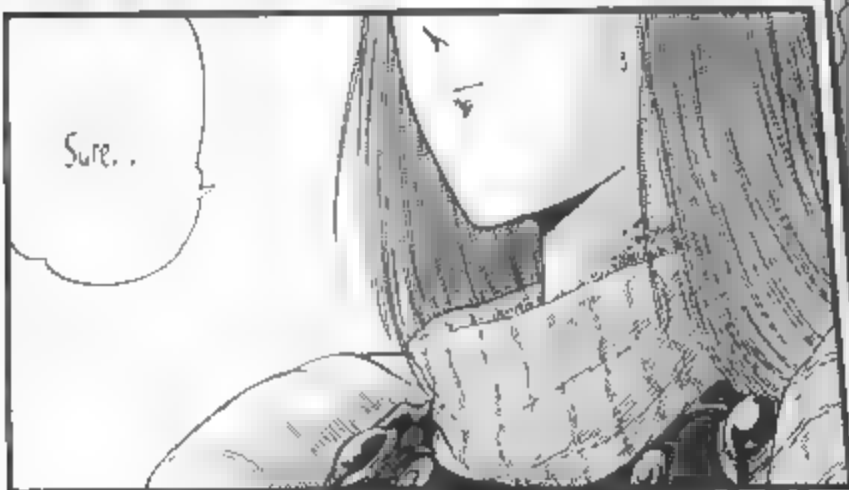
Ena Dai Gu Filmore former empress of the Filmore Empire known as the "Crowned Sword Sage"

Would you teach me more?

Wow! You really know a lot!!



Sure..



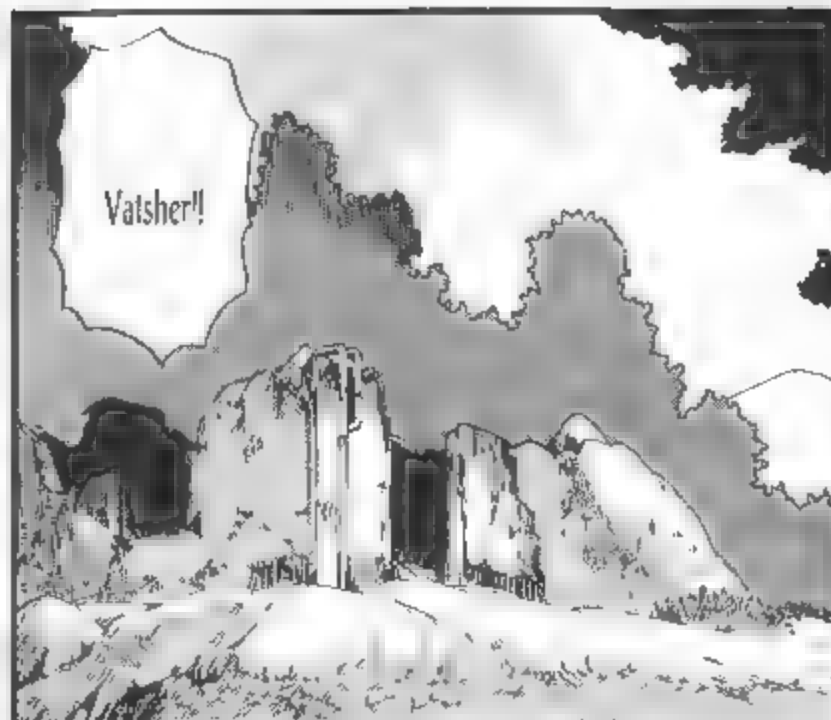


Your... your skin... Those allergies!!



Hurry up and take those clothes off! Why didn't you say something before!

It's the clothing I bought you, isn't it? I'll go and get you some silk, ok!



Vatsher!!

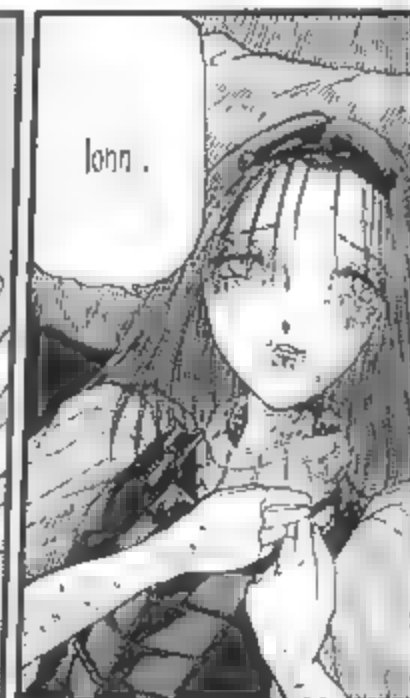


Now take those clothes off and wrap yourself in your cloak!

No! That's yours... Anyway, someone like me couldn't sell that!!



Here... take this...



John.



I bet she doesn't even have any underwear...

No silk, no cotton, no nylon... anywhere...



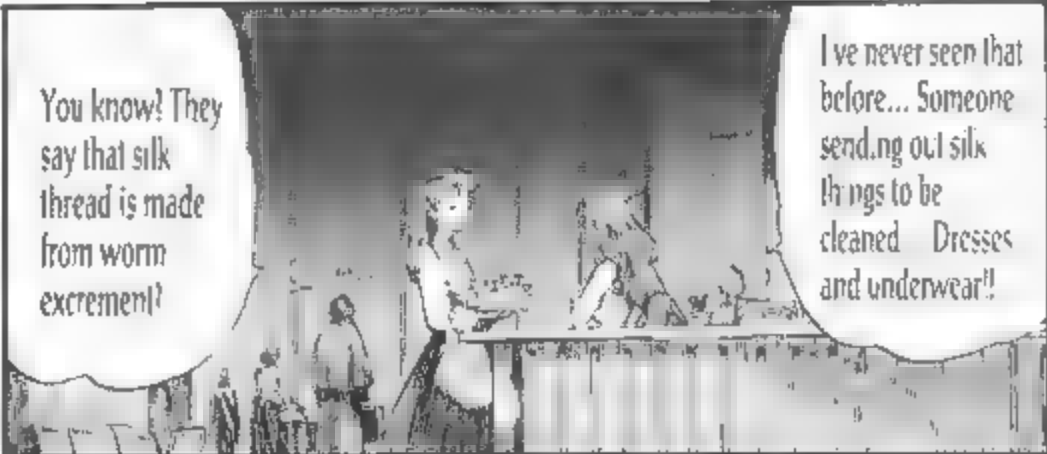
Damn!

SHIP INFORMATION
KNOWLEDGE
SILK
NONE
COTTON
NONE



She wore that stuff because I told her to...





You know! They say that silk thread is made from worm excrement?

I've never seen that before... Someone sending out silk things to be cleaned. Dresses and underwear!

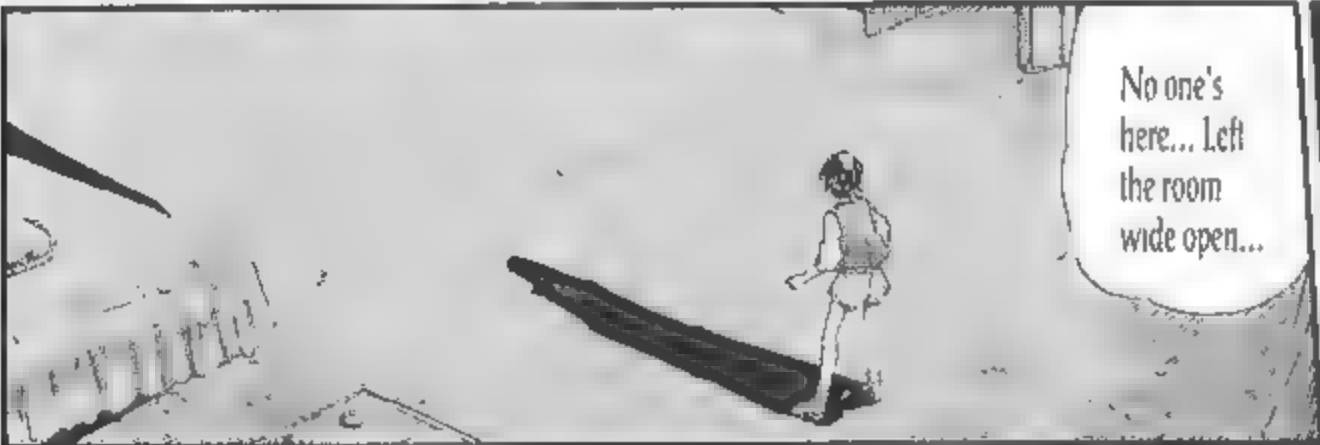


Did you hear! About the guest in the suite on the 12th floor!



Well... She's really weird, anyway... You can tell from just looking at her...

Yuk! Who would be crazy enough to wear something as obscene and filthy as that?



No one's here... Left the room wide open...



Which ones are silk, I wonder!

Wow! Look at all these clothes!



All I can smell is the perfume...



Oh yeah. You can tell silk from the thread... It smells like insects.



What the..?



What is all this! Jeez!



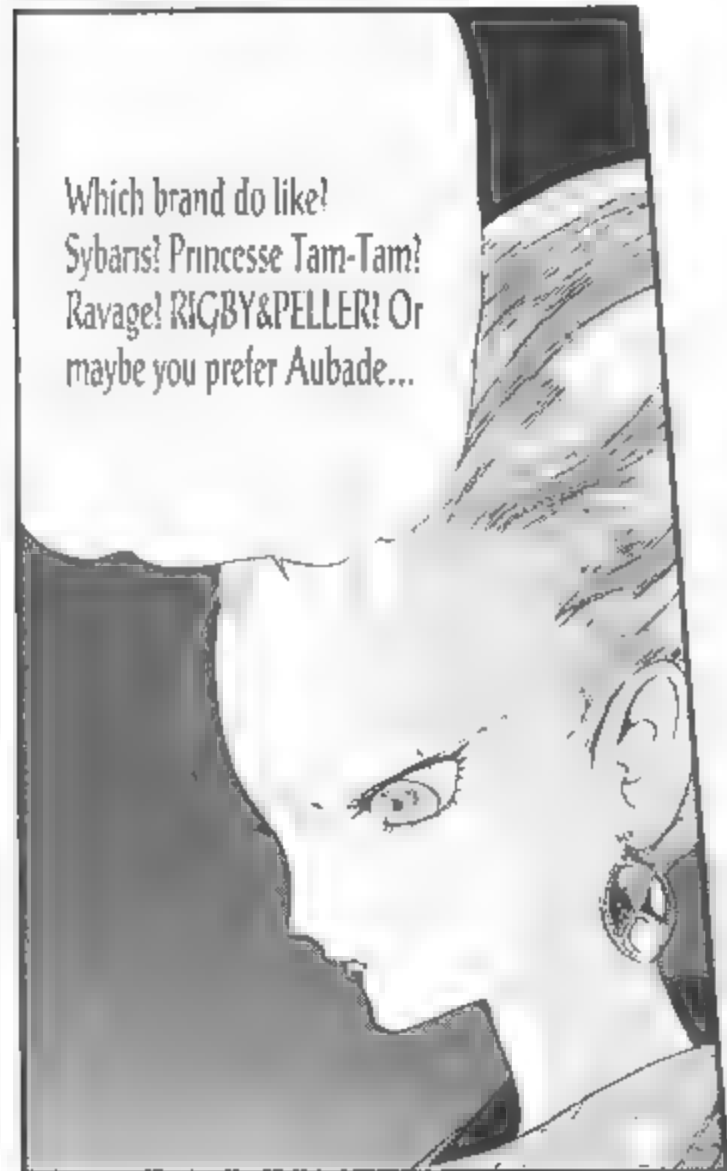
Oh-oh!!



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A diver!!



Which brand do like?
Sybaris! Princesse Tam-Tam!
Ravage! RIGBY&PELLER! Or
maybe you prefer Aubade...



Hold it right
there... Parly
thief, eh?



What do you
take me for with
that cock n bull
story! I outta...

Come on! Any knight in
his right mind knows
that fatima clothing is
available at the local
headdliner commissary!!

But if I run...
no silk "

If I went to the
Comm ssary, they'd
start ask ng
questions and...
take Vatsher away...

My fat.ma...
She's come down
with an allergy...
She's really sick!!

No!... I'm
sorry... I was
looking for
something
made of silk!

And... her skin
started peeling off in
places... She's in
real pain, I tell you...
Please help me!!

Up until yesterday,
she had kind of a
rash... Then all of a
sudden... today...
these... uum... tiny
cracks started
appearing all over
the place...

No. No. . It's
nothing like
that. I'm
telling you the
truth! Please
listen to me!

The consulate, headd-
liners, the housekeepers,
the bellboys.. They all
laugh behind my back...
Think I'm a nut case..

Everyone's
always giving
me a hard t me!

Now there's
something wrong
with my underwear,
too! Get outta here
before I...

Then after a day of
having to deal with all
those fuckers, I come
home and find somebody
sniffing my undies!!

Here's all the money I have...
Please!

Please, I beg of you!! Silk,
cotton, nylon... anything
you can spare!

Okay... But first...
Drop your pants
and howl like a
dog for me...
Right now!

Clothes,
huh!



You heard me!
Come on! Drop 'em!
And start howlin' at
the moon! You want
some of my clothes,
don't you?

What?



Hangin' your d ck out... Losing
any dignity you ever had... for
some lost fatima you happened
to pick up somewhere... And
of course not a dime for the
clothes she needs.



Just as I thought...
Willing to make an
ass of yourself...
Hah!

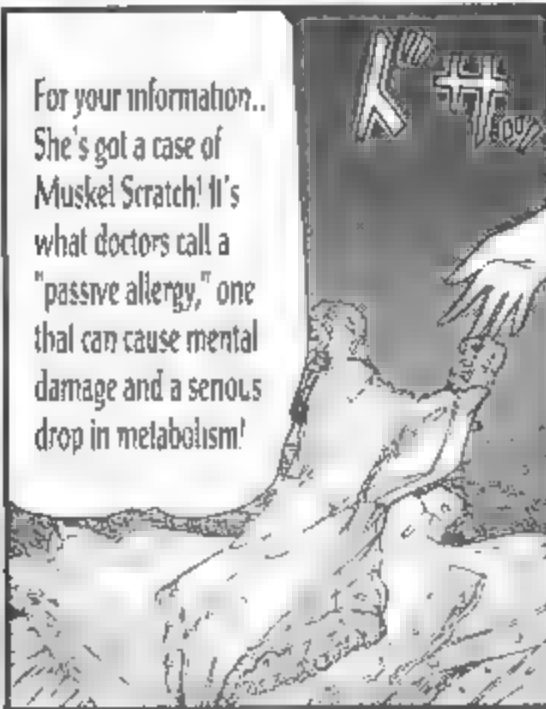
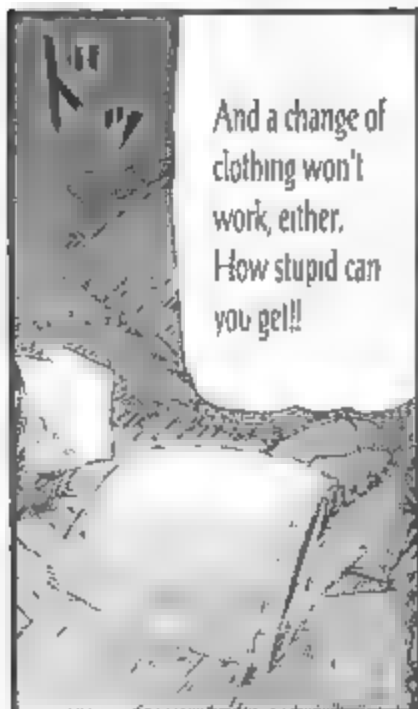
Well I'll
be...



And a change of
clothing won't
work, either.
How stupid can
you get!!

A fatima's natural
resistance to
disease is a lot
lower than that of
humans! Ordinary
medical treatment
won't work.

For your information..
She's got a case of
Muskel Scratch! It's
what doctors call a
"passive allergy," one
that can cause mental
damage and a serious
drop in metabolism!





And take these!

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Shut up!! And I've seen enough of that... Zip it up and get out!!

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Thank you so much!



Here's some clothes and underwear! Keep your money!!



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My name is John Weizel... Thank you again...

I'll never forget what you've done for us... I'm in your debt.



She knows how to take them... Now go!

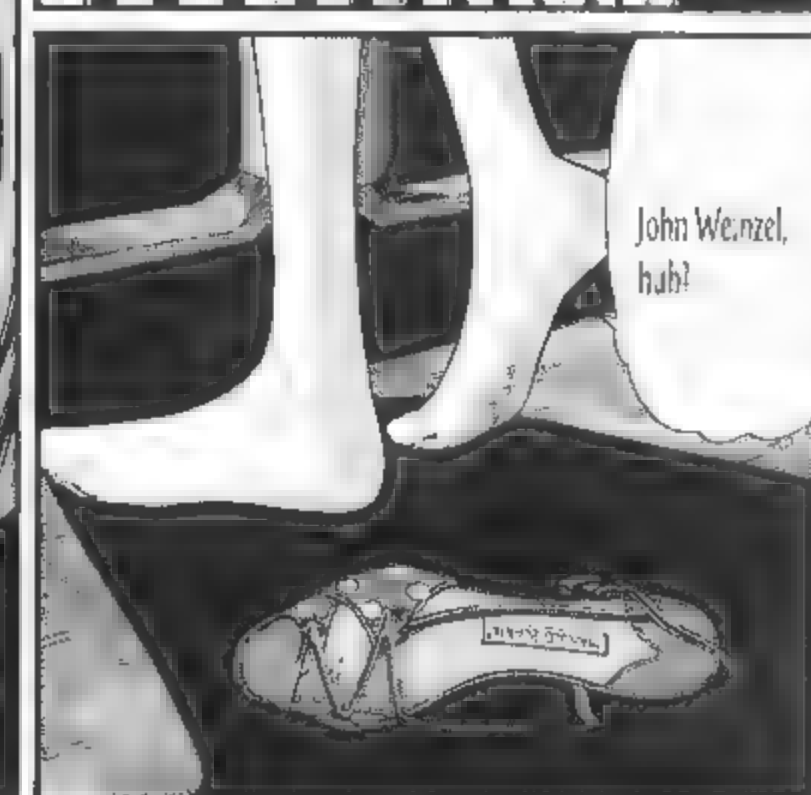
Anti-allergy paste . grooming dope and other drugs she'll need...



Disconcerting... to say the least...

He showed me everything... even his little pecker...

Put under the spell of a falima... at his age!



John Weizel, huh?

But Vatsner taught me so much during that time... I was getting stronger thanks to her... The two of us...



Yeah... It was pretty rough going at first...

We started meeting up with other headliners...

Then ..



John! They're headliners!



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What are you doing with my Vatsner!



She's fucked up alright... but she'll still bring a price.



This one's really spaced out.. no response whatsoever...

Oof!

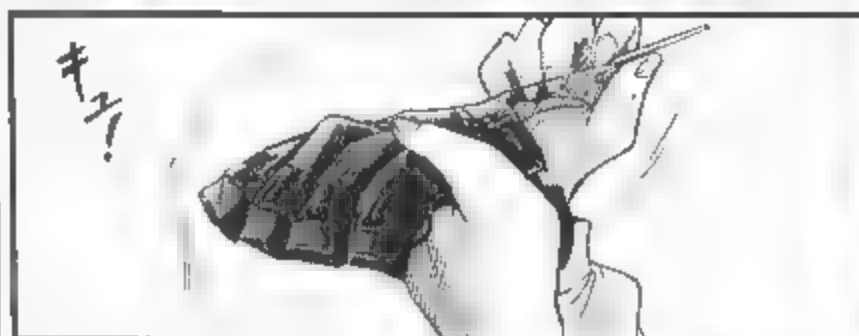
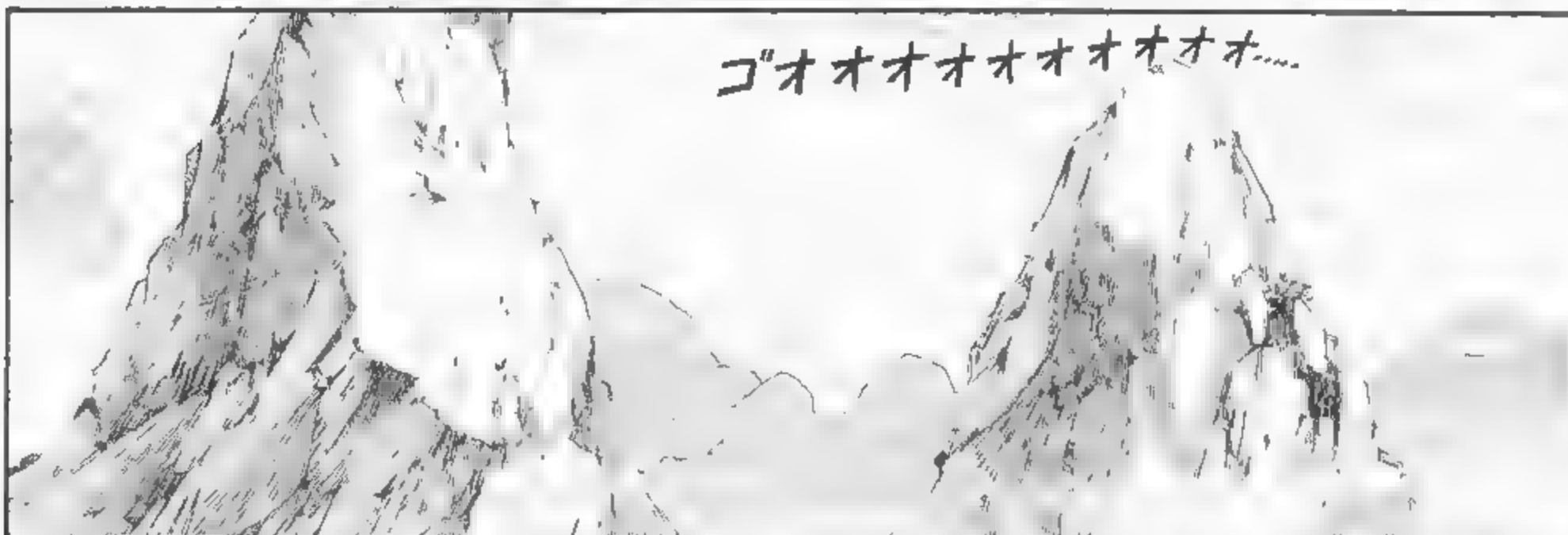
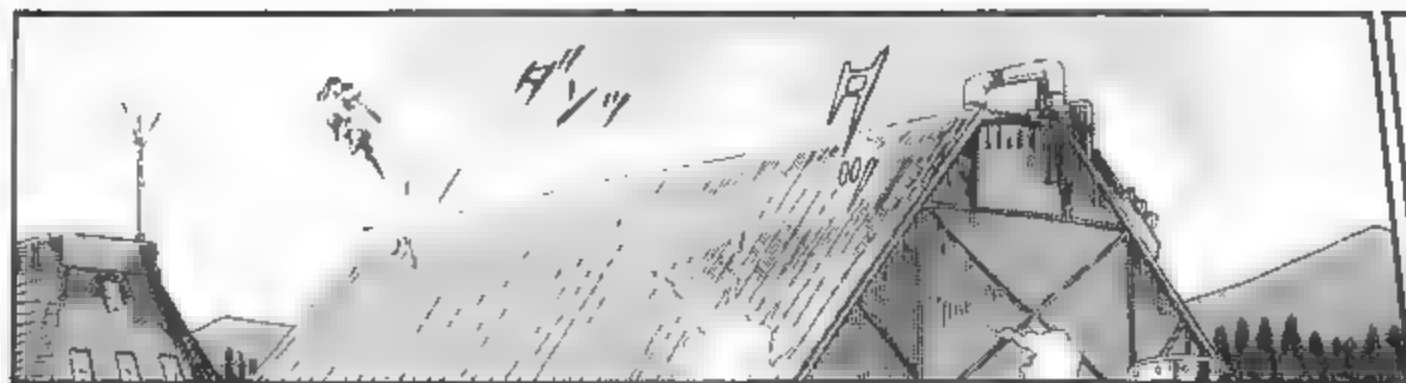
If they're headliners...

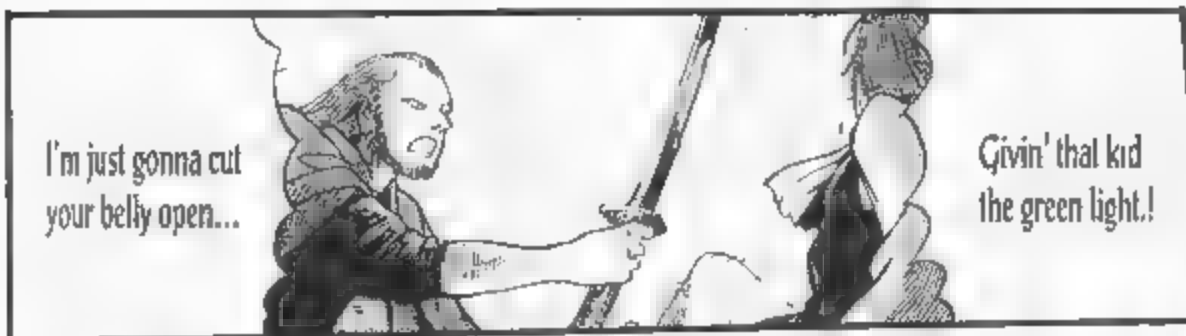


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Well that's different.!







I'm just gonna cut
your belly open...

Givin' that kid
the green light.!

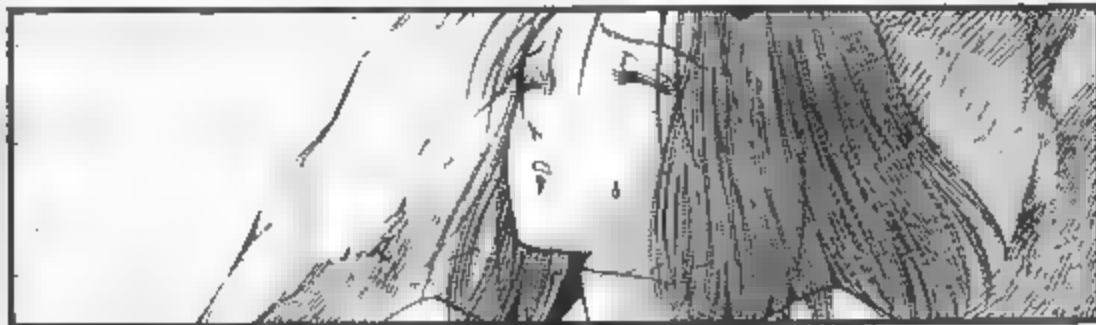
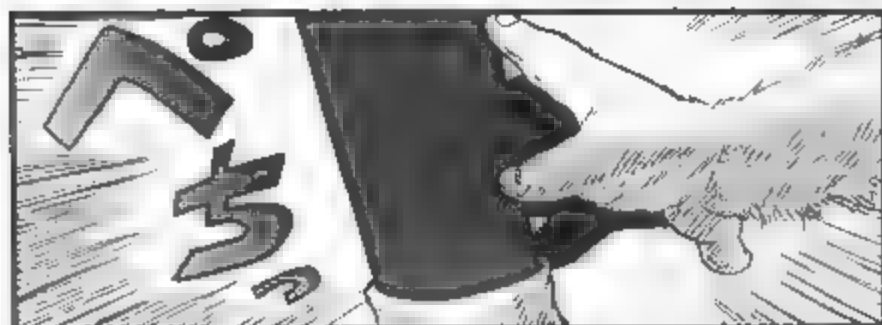


Do you know how fun
that can be! Holding your
guts in your hands while
you slowly die second by
second in excruciating
pain. Ha-ha-ha-ha-ha!

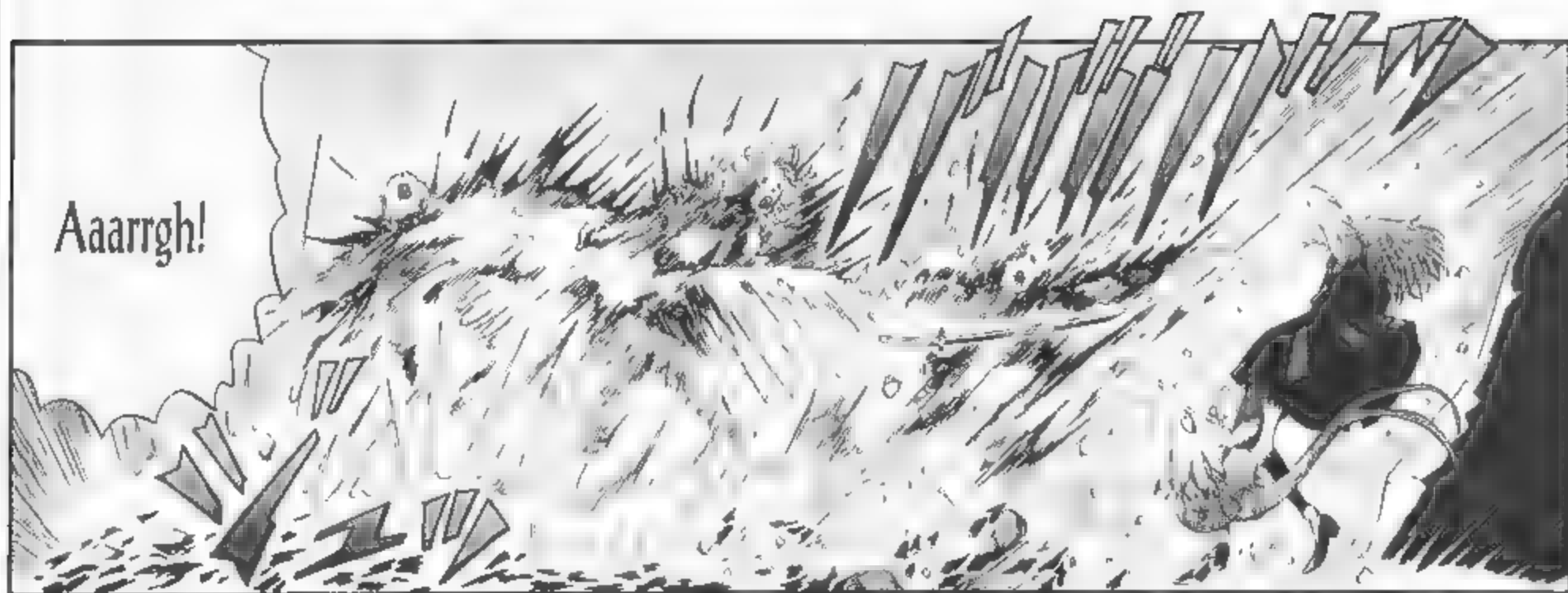


Who do you
think you are?

Oof!



Yo!

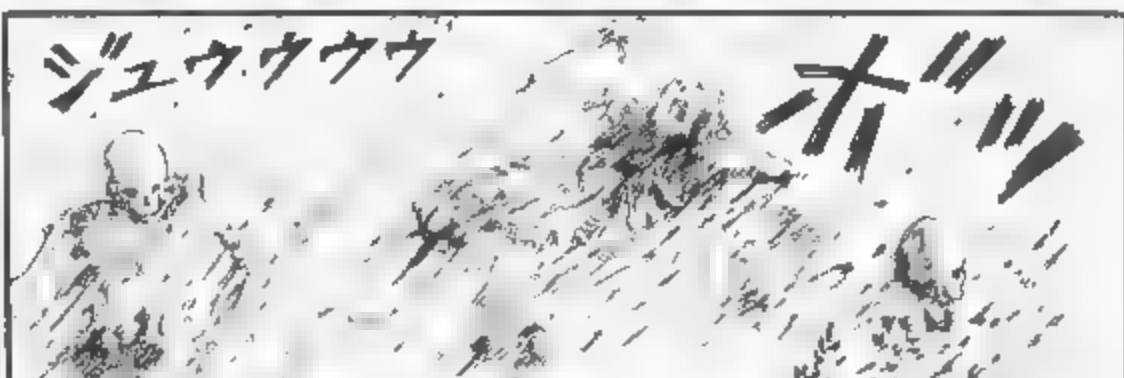


Aaarrrgh!



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But apparently
it wasn't
necessary...

We heard those
men talking in
town, got suspicious
and decided to
follow them



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Van shed



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I'm A.T.L me
a knight from
Delta Belin



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You knew right
away didn't you?
Actually I'm a
tama by the name
of Atropos

Not really...
Emperor Amalerast
was kind enough to
register me as a
headliner under
that name

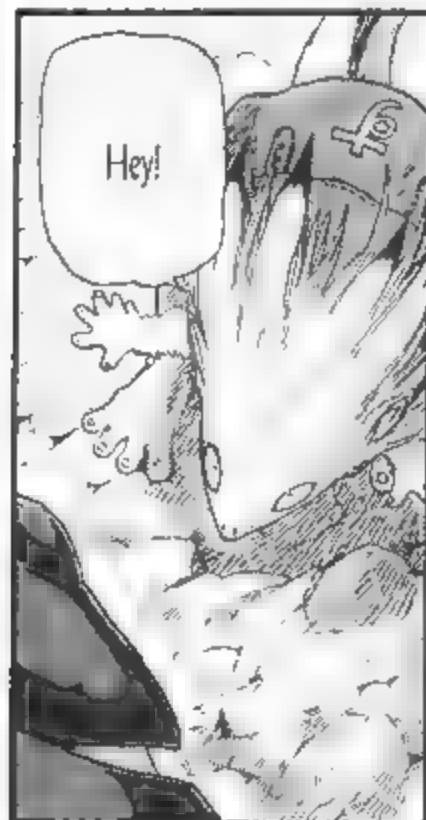


What I don't
understand is why
you've chosen a
path that brings you
nothing but pain
and misery

Oh so
you're I've
heard rumors
about you



I'm Vasher...



Hey!



Time to go.
Swe

ドン!!



A fatima trying to
live and act like a
human... It's none
of my business, is it!

Ha-ha... Look
who's talking!



That's why Jet...

You're just like
Yamn!

...likes you so
much!



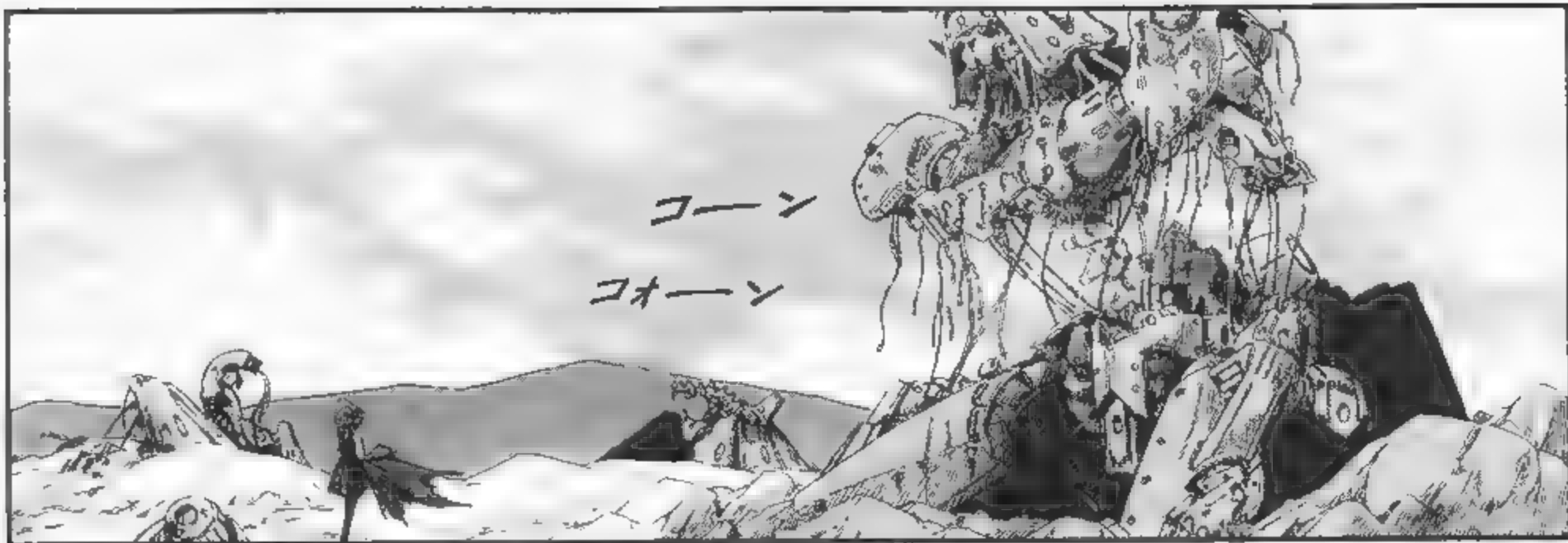
Goodbye..

Well...
Take care of
yourself..



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Yamn!



You are our
raison d'être .
You legitimize
our existence. .

Receiving all the
strength that a
headliner has. .
with all the support
we can lend



You poor
darling. . I wonder
how long you've
been standing out
here like that.



I wonder how
long you'll have
to wait for that
day. .

You look so lonely..
Maybe someday a
headliner will rouse you
once again. . I hope so .



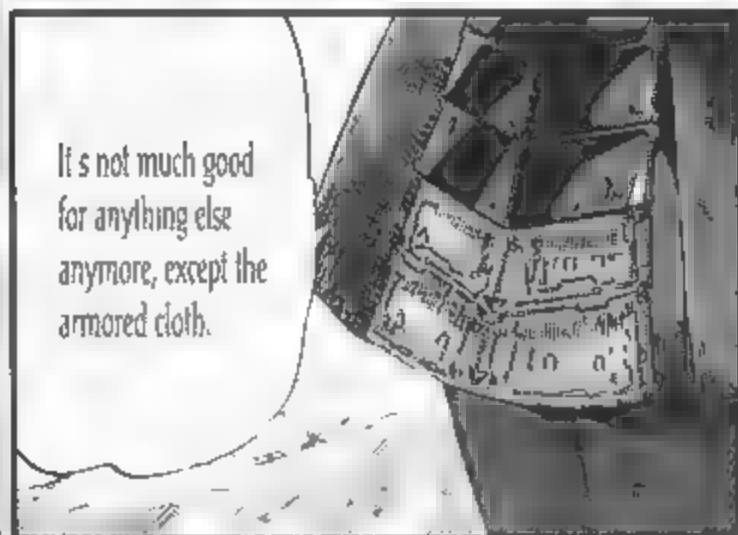
Now we're
a pair
He-he .



I could punch
MH armor and
not feel a thing!!



Wow...
The gloves
are great!!



It's not much good
for anything else
anymore, except the
armored cloth.




I'm glad this
skirt could
come in handy

What do you think is the most important part of the relationship between a headliner and fatima?



John

What do you think is the most important part of the relationship between a headliner and fatima?



John

That's why
those who pilot
M-1s are called
'headmers'.

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Wrong! Is fighting together w/in a mortar head

Aaah. .
How about
Trust?

?...

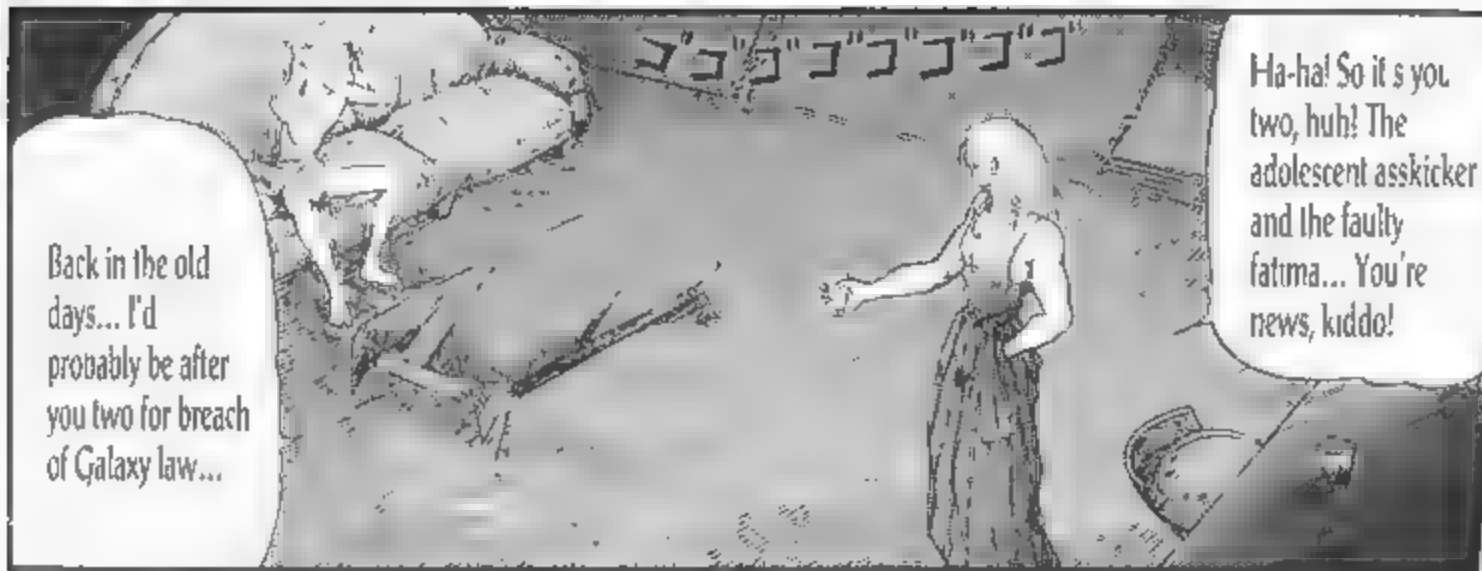


Aaah. .
How about
Trust?

?...



Mortar headd pilots... headdl'ners. .

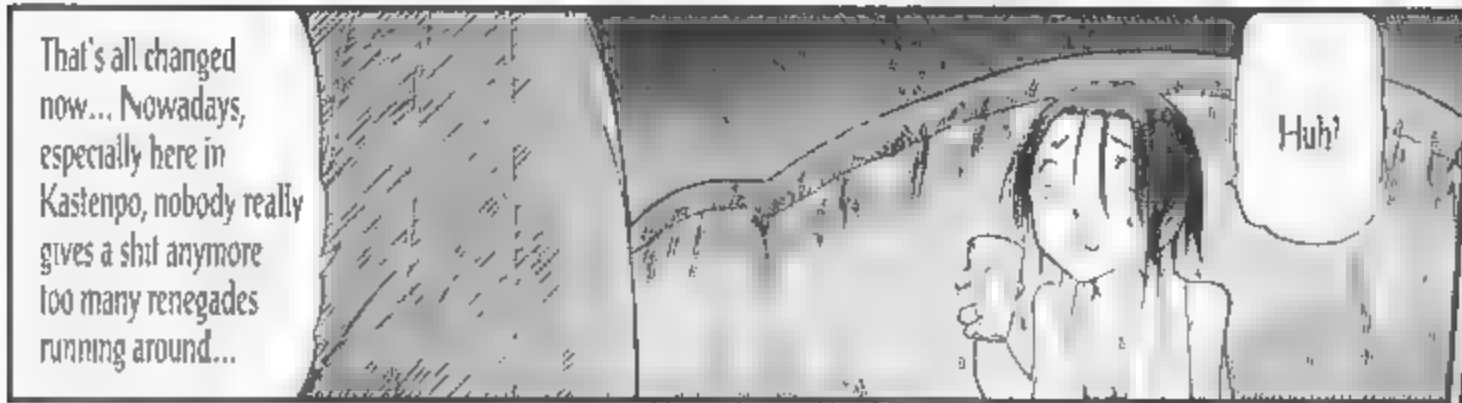


Back in the old days... I'd probably be after you two for breach of Galaxy law...

Ha-ha! So it's you two, huh! The adolescent asskicker and the faulty fatima... You're news, kiddo!



Phew!



That's all changed now... Nowadays, especially here in Kastenpo, nobody really gives a shit anymore too many renegades running around...

Huh?

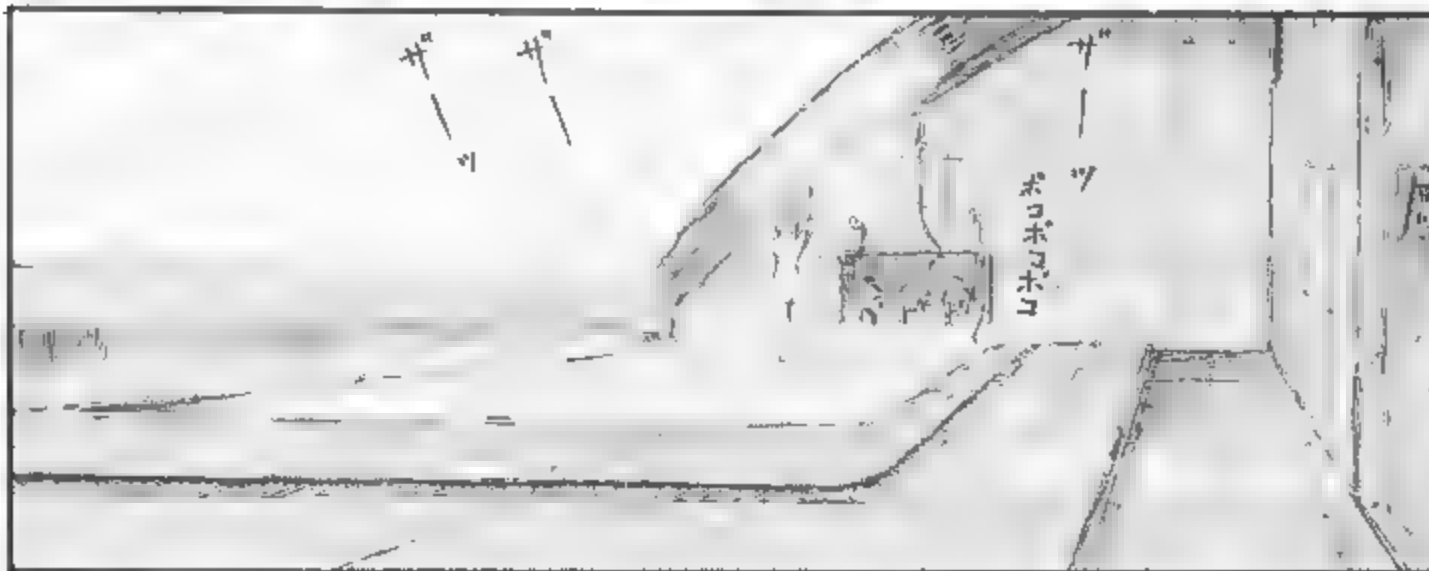


But I think it's less about the kids and more about the mommy...

But he's got his hands full at the moment... some sort of family problem... keepin him outta town... daa-daa-da-daaa daaa-da-daa-da-daa-da-daaa...



If Hitler were here, he could probably finagle a way to have a meighl straighten out your Valsher...



On my



Team Here



Ow!

Right on the money!



Thank you
so much



Why don't you try
this on .. It's one
of my spare suits
but I think



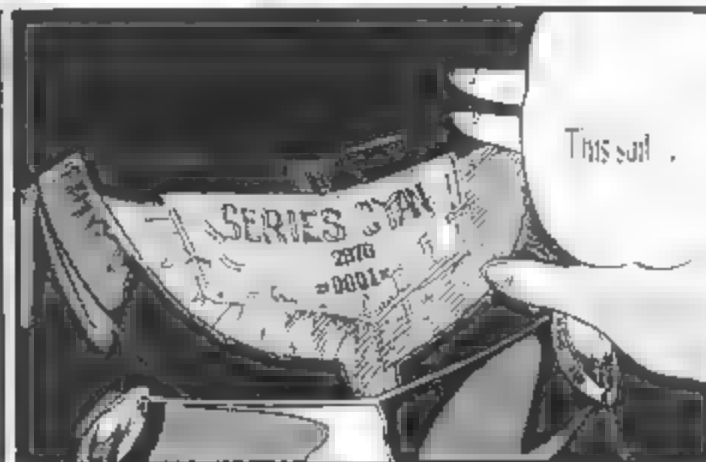
I don't mean to pry,
but don't you think
your suit is...
well. . had it?



For the time
being.



And me...
You've forgotten
us, haven't you?



This suit .



As long as that
terrifying fatima is
by his side...

It'll never
happen,
Master...



Terrifying?
...What do mean
by terrifying?

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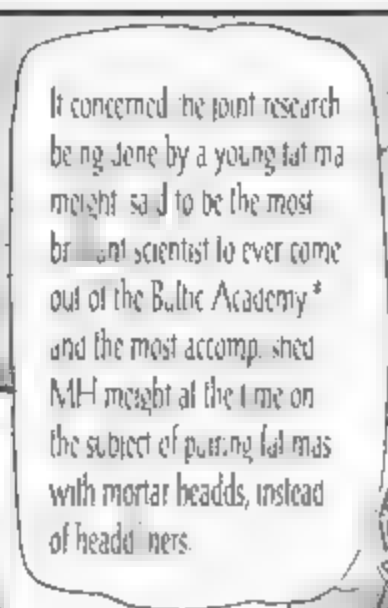
Tsk... What
a waste...

I offered to take
him home with us,
but he turned me
down... He's got
the strength to pilot
a "Bang Doll"...
I'm sure of it...

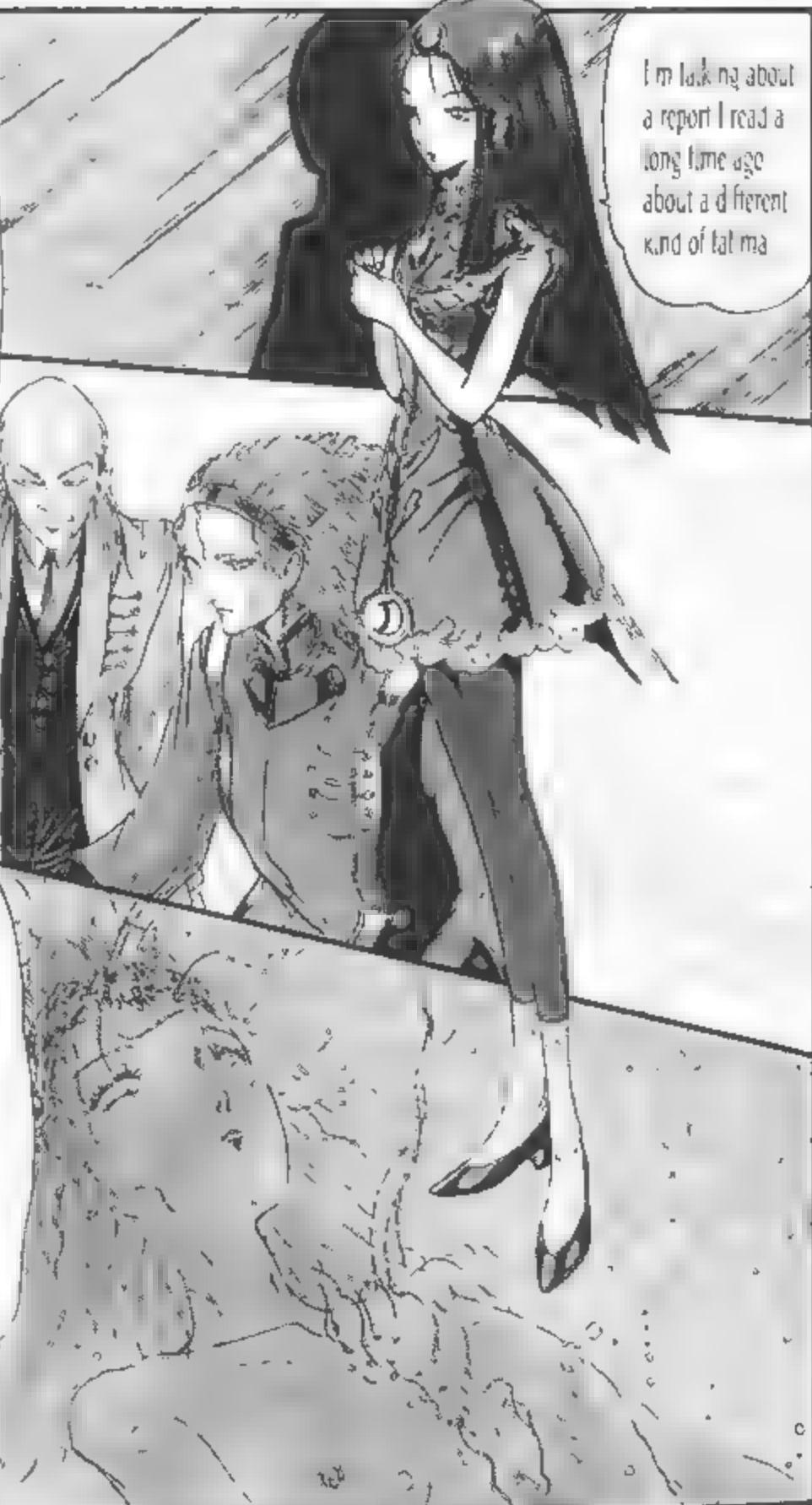




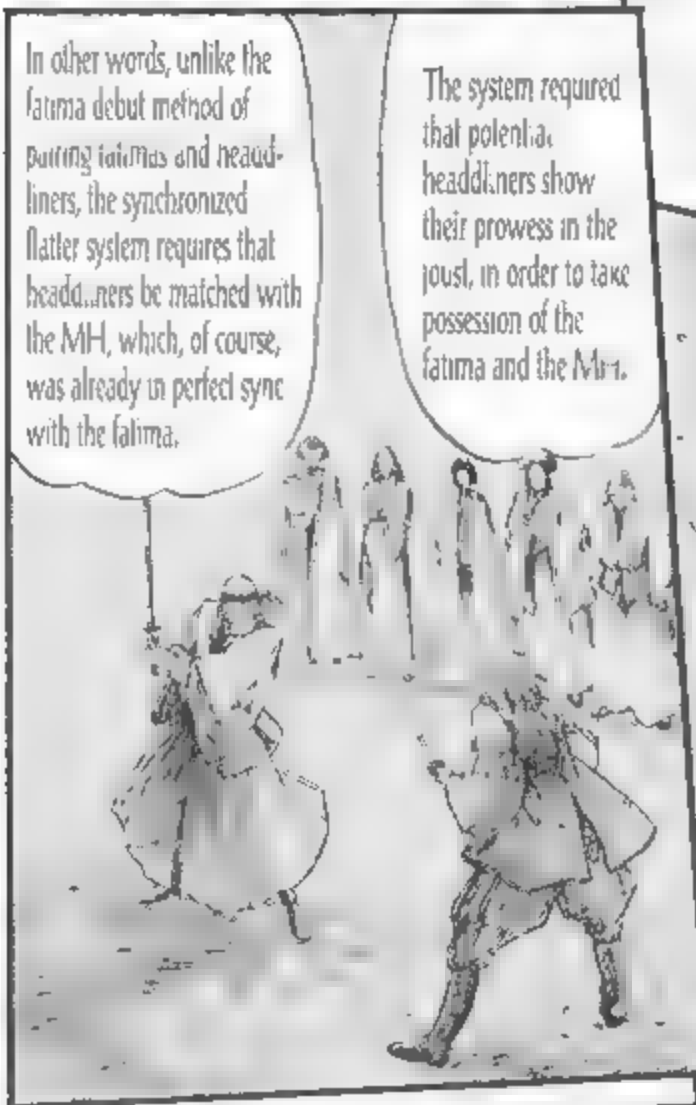
They called her discovery the "synchronized flatter" system. There's only one of its kind throughout the whole Galaxy



It concerned the joint research being done by a young fatima might said to be the most brilliant scientist to ever come out of the Bulhe Academy* and the most accomplished MH might at the time on the subject of putting fatimas with mortar heads, instead of headliners.



I'm talking about a report I read a long time ago about a different kind of fatima



In other words, unlike the fatima debut method of putting fatimas and headliners, the synchronized flatter system requires that headliners be matched with the MH, which, of course, was already in perfect sync with the fatima.

The system required that potential headliners show their prowess in the joust, in order to take possession of the fatima and the MH.

What they did was perfectly synchronize a fatima with an MH and showed that such a combination could double the power of the fatima and MH operating at the time.



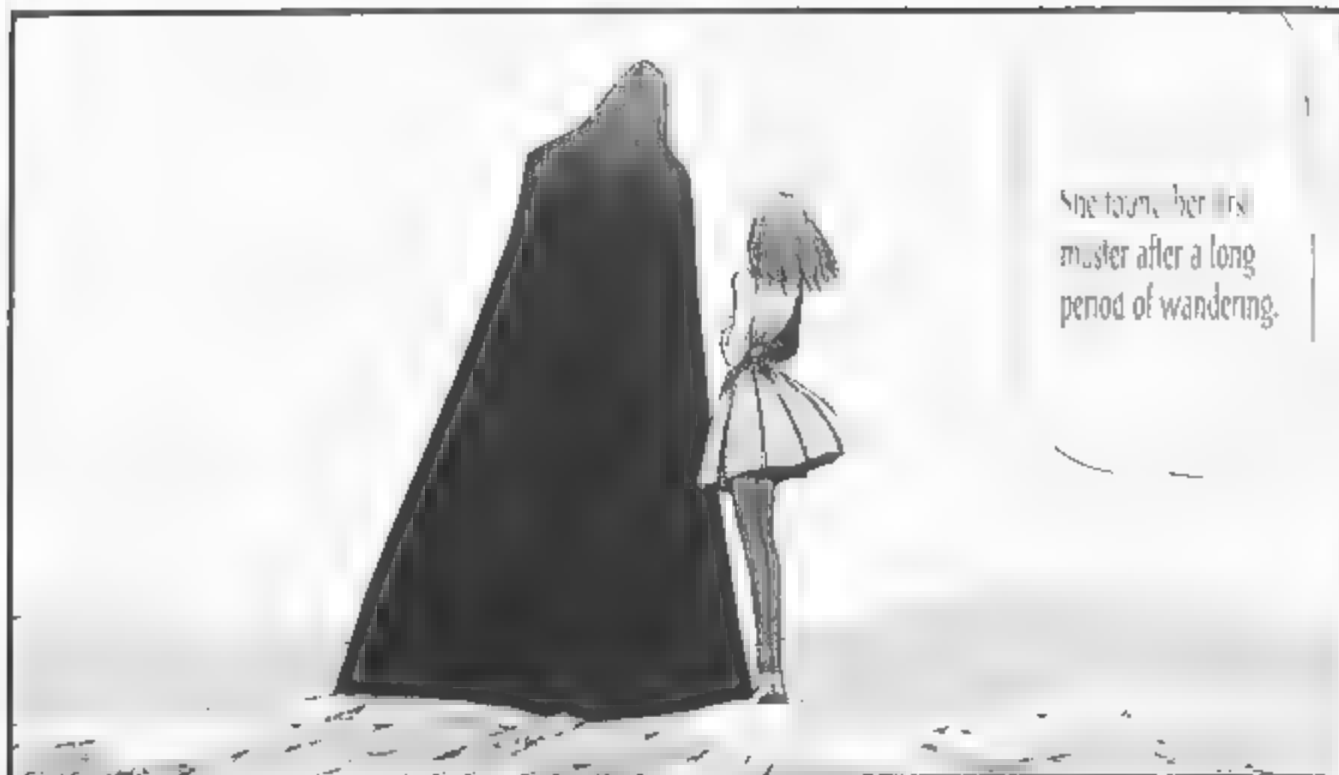
She was finally able to go into hiding with the help of the Lucas Tradition.

The fatima might ended up programming his creation to find a headliner on her own in order to free her from the clutches of knights and royal families who were trying to monopolize the system.

The MH might was reported to have died of mental exhaustion but rumor has it that he was assassinated by a headliner in search of the MH.

The competition among headliners escalated to a level at which the consequent bloodletting was driving the fatima towards complete mental breakdown.

* An educational institution located in the republic of Schries on the planet Alder, known for the many brilliant mights and meisters who have earned degrees from it.



She found her master after a long period of wandering.



My father, Dr. Ballanche, was of the opinion that the fatima's capabilities were able to "mulate."

In later years many men tried to reproduce the synchronized flatte system, but their attempts were unsuccessful.



I'm the only one who knows... about her.



Yes... my master... in the "Bang Doll" standing ready here in the bay of this very dorrey.

The headliner that she found after her long quest was Turn Peide, who was subsequently killed in battle by none other than Alden Sayaste...

Put every ounce of her strength... not into a headliner... but into a mortar head... a cold,iless piece of machinery... as unforgiving, cold and merciless as a... menter.

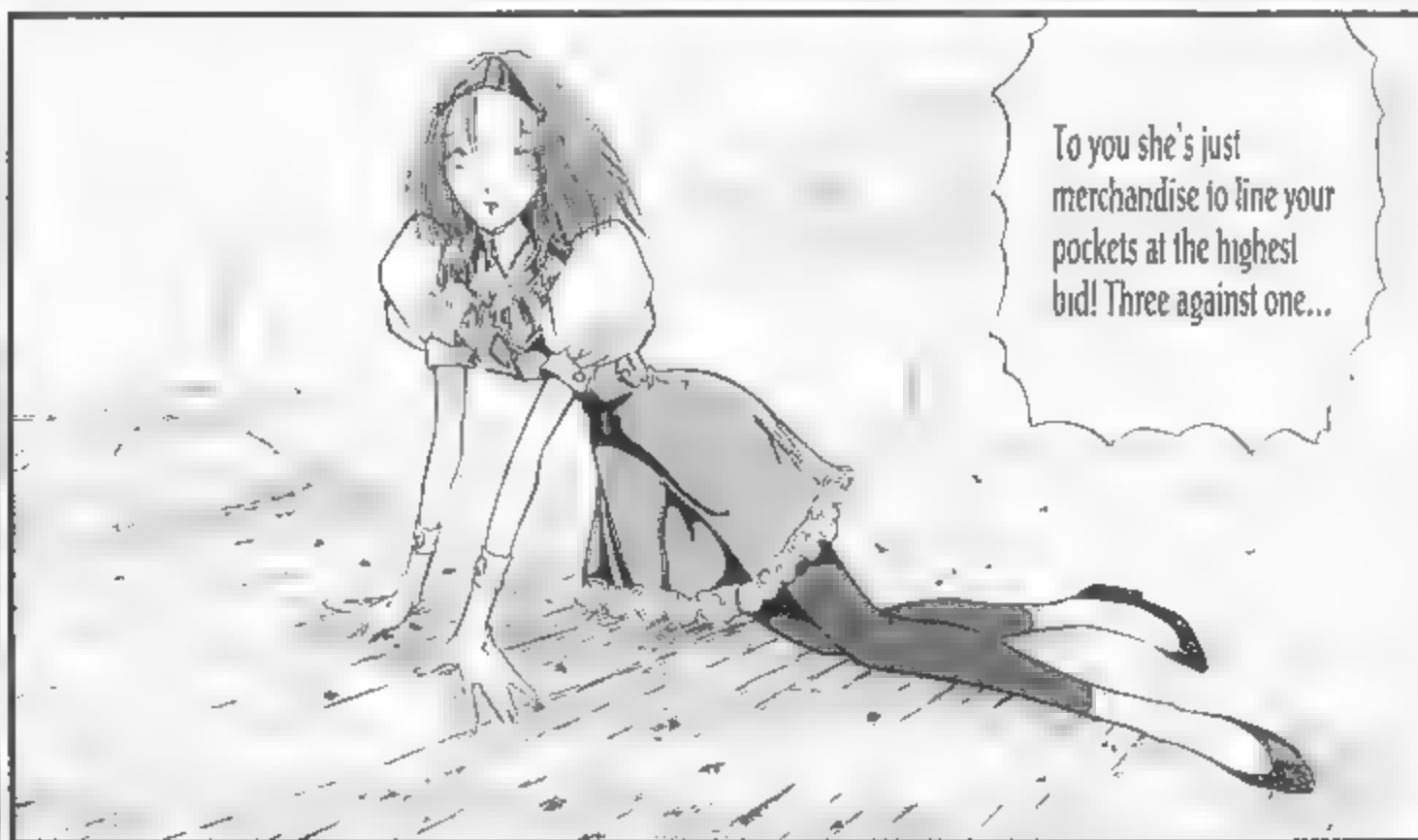


The most unique... the elite of the elite... and the cruelest satima who ever lived.

synchronized it with a formula rated as "flawless" among the power gauge pundits of the Galaxy.

The legendary headliner Princess Yarnn... so-called "Empress of Kastenpo," whose name and family emblem adorns this blackest of black MHL.







If so, lend us a hand!!
That kid's acting in
direct defiance of
Galaxy Law... He has
no authority to protect
that fatuma...



Are you deaf!!
A tough guy,
huh?

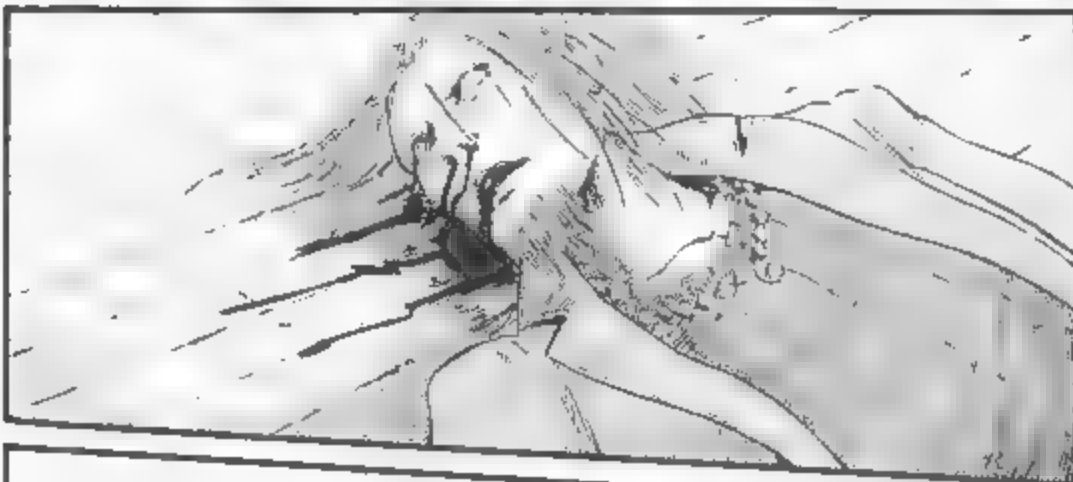


Wh... who're
you? A
headdlner?





We'll see about
that! You ..



Stratblade!!



I'll be damned! If it
ain't the talk of
town. super boy!!

Well, well.



What's going on?
Who's she
Really strange



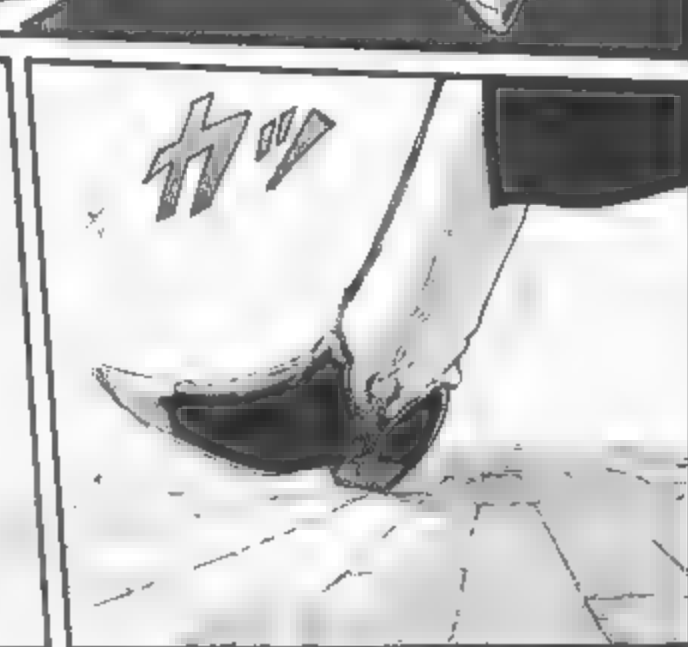
You're a
tough guy,
heh? Real
shit kicker?



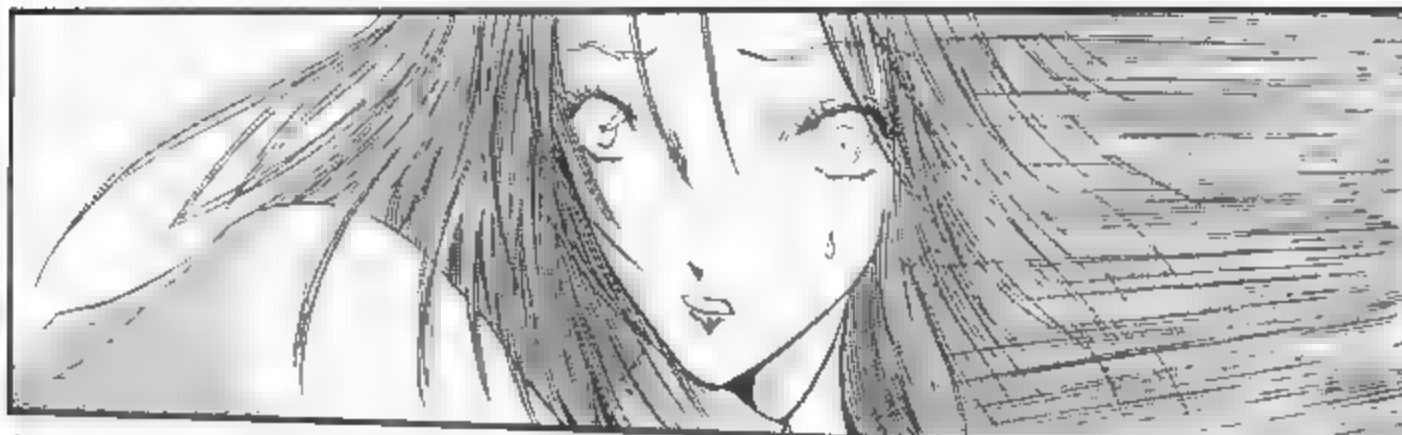
Tell me,
little guy...



This is going to be
easy... No sweat...



Humph... I can see every
move... no big deal...
He's easier to read than
any of the others!!



John! No!! Stay
away from him!!



You'll be killed!!



Huh? What the...?
My body...



Can't keep
up with him...

I... I...



I'm moving... at...
half... speed...



Move! Come on!
Let's go!

Slow... not on...



What's goin' on?
I... I can't move..
I ke I...

I wanted to be
yours... forever!!

John! I loved you
so much!



Goodbye,
John...

Goodbye,
John...

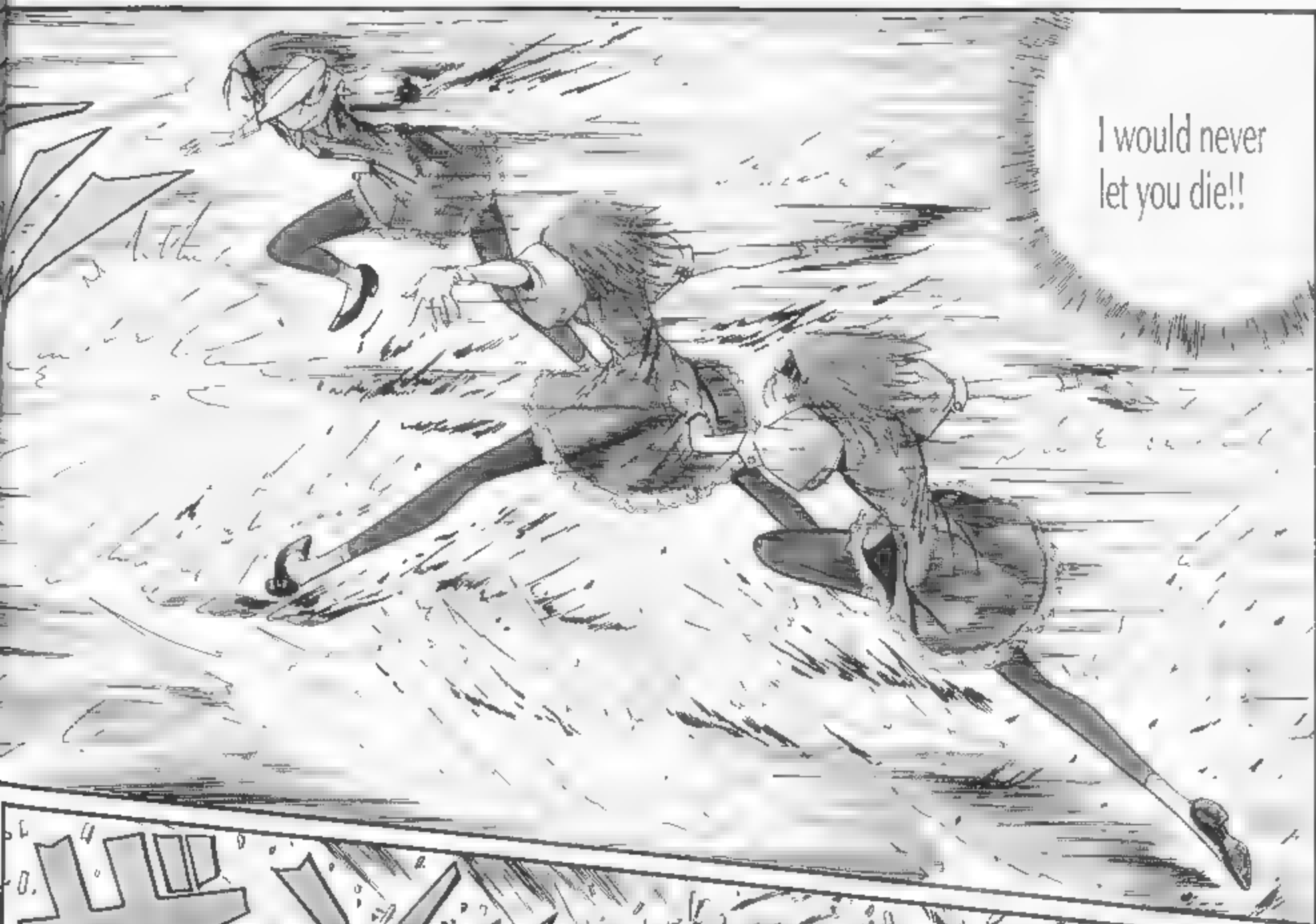


But before
someone else gains
consciousness over
this body...

I'm not your
Vatsher
anymore...

There's one more
thing I have to
teach you, John...





I would never
let you die!!



!!



What the
hell?



Vatsher...



Vatsher!!



A fatima who
can overpower a
headliner... It's
unheard of...
That Sonic...



I don't believe it!
Vatsher was moving
faster than him or
me... It can't be!

Th... that... wh...
was... aaa...
breakdown typhoon!
You scared the hell
outta me!! Anyone but
me and he woulda
been lyin' here dead!!

Who in the hell do
you think you are?
You trying to kill
somebody! With
that triple parallel
sonic blade...

You over
there! The
puppet! Get
on your feet!



Read me like a
book!! Didn't
think I'd figure
it out, did ya?

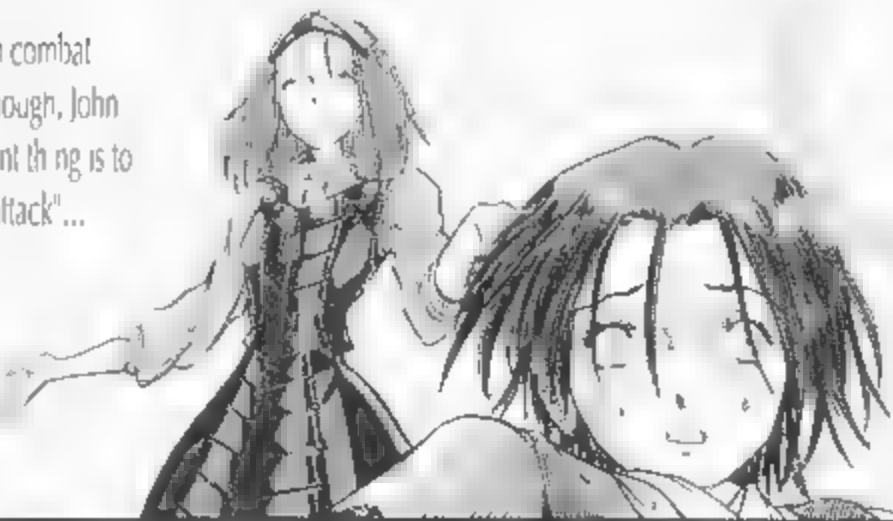
There is no way you
could move faster than a
headliner! You were
able to do it because you
anticipated my moves!

Well... Be that as it
may... What's
important is why
you're standin' there
in front of me...

So how could a fatima like
you, who's reaction skills
are even slower than that
kid's, move faster than the
both of us! Because you
know the most important
thing when facing any top
class headliner...

And I bet that your performance
wasn't just to save the kid's life!
You wanted to show him what
it's like to take on a top class
headliner.

Relying solely on combat
technique isn't enough, John.
The most important thing is to
spot his point of attack..."



Huh?

Anticipate your
opponent's point
of attack... Which
you taught that kid
over there, right?



He... he'll...
kill you!

Vatsher!
No!!



Master...

Please take me
with you...



Sir Knight .







My MH and
I have only
one objective!

My name
is Est.



Finding the
Black Knight!!



Yeah! I'm
really gettin'
off on this!!

Hmmm... Not
too shabby,
actually... Let
those bush league
headliners eat
their hearts out...



Move your
ass over
here



You know what would
happen if I took you
with me! I'd be looked
upon as a traitor to the
ideal to every head-
liner in the Galaxy who
has every dreamed of
owning you and that
"hallmark."

And you want to call
me "master?" Me! You
want me to take the
dignity and renown of
that hallmark, plunk it
into the dregs... Make
the Black Knight into a
Grim Reaper!



He-he-he .

That
name .

Or shall we
say "that
hallmark"...



My Lord the
Black Knight!

As you wish
Master!

I'm hurt! Vatsher!
Please... Help me!

Vatsher! Wait!
Come back!!

No! It can't be!
Vatsher... She
doesn't... know
me... I don't
believe it...

Vatsher! Wait!
I'm hurt!

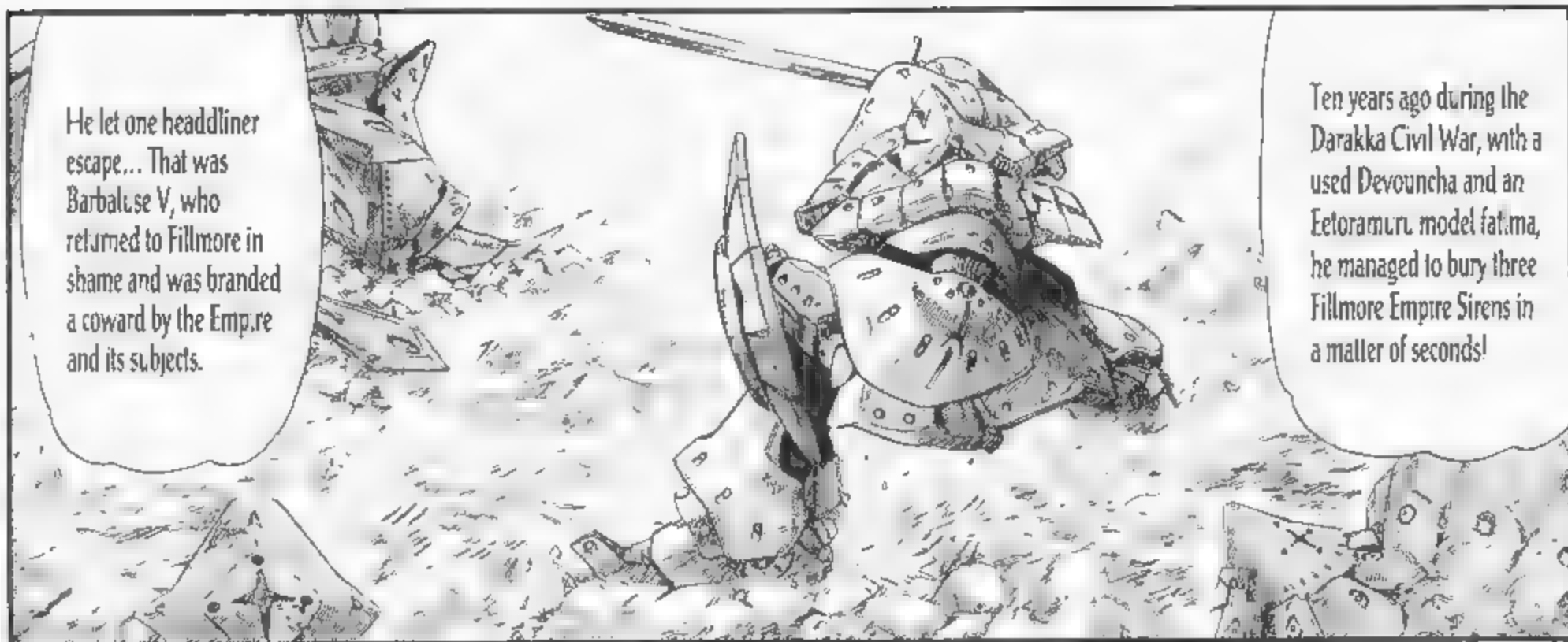
During that one
instant, she was
truly yours.

During that moment
you were her master...
It was her way of
saying "goodbye...
and thank you"...

What are you
sniffin' about, kid.
That fatima risked
her life to save your
ass. She fought on
her own for you!

Her new master just
happens to be Kastenpo's
own golden boy, Décors
Weissmel, crazy as an alley
cat in heat and about ten
times more dangerous.

We've heard all about you two here
in Vachi. It seems your dysfunctional
fatima has been suddenly cured...
and don't get any ideas in your head
about getting her back.



He let one headdliner escape... That was Barbaluse V, who returned to Fillmore in shame and was branded a coward by the Empire and its subjects.

Ten years ago during the Darakka Civil War, with a used Devouncha and an Eetoramur model fatima, he managed to bury three Fillmore Empire Sirens in a matter of seconds!

1 his ME was smashed to bits in a single blow from ME if in vol



It was also Weissmel who cut down the likes of the former Black Knight Roados Dragoon five years ago.

Barbaluse was relieved of duty as Blue Squadron leader. Weissmel let him go as a witness to tell the world what happened in Darakka.



Well, well!
What do we have here!

I'm gonna reattach his hand... We haven't got a minute to lose!

Enough of that!
Pick him up and come with me!



Yuck! From now on you don't exist!

This is one the most serious cases of flatchestitis I've ever seen! Completely caved in!

Hmmm... Huh?

Here... see!



and damn!

We are than a point fatima



Miss A!!

The mysterious...



Listen, kid!!



After all, I've already seen everything...

Come on, John... Don't worry! Even if we can't reattach the hand, I'll look after you... forever!

Hold on there! Who in the hell are you, anyway!



We have to hurry if we're going to save him! His internal organs were ruptured by Décors' stratblade, the bleeding is serious.



Your mother, the one who brought Sage Kaien back to life, the one and only...

Young lady, your diver power reverberates in the same way as an old friend of mine. You must be Sakurako...



It's alright. She knows what she's doing, Sir Spantousen.

Poor mom!
...Please don't
dig up the past
here. .



By having me she
lost everything... her
powers, her position,
her name... exiled
into obscurity...

No!!



In any case.
You mean we
can let this kid
operate on John?



I'm sorry...
I was out
of line...



No way He
wasn't real. .
I don't get it...



What
the...?



A new generation of
meights, as well as
headliners In the
same way as you
yourself entrusted the
leadership of the Jota
Knighthood to young
Jaquous Quo n Hash...



Yes, she's a bona fide
meight... Natnum
Sakurako from Jūno...
Like Hathcha's Silver
Ballanche and Astro
City's Diamond Neutral...


In any case, Décors saw
t... Because he didn't kill
the sai ma or the boy.
Unpredictable as always..
Headliner training in the
Weissmal style, perhaps



Putting up his left hand like
that to divert Décors' sword
away from his throat... On
the same level as Jaquos and
Majole Lebenheite. I'll have
someone keep an eye on
him from now on.




The first one
was and always
will be the
best...




I know exactly
how you feel...

Young
man!...



What's the
matter, A-sha!



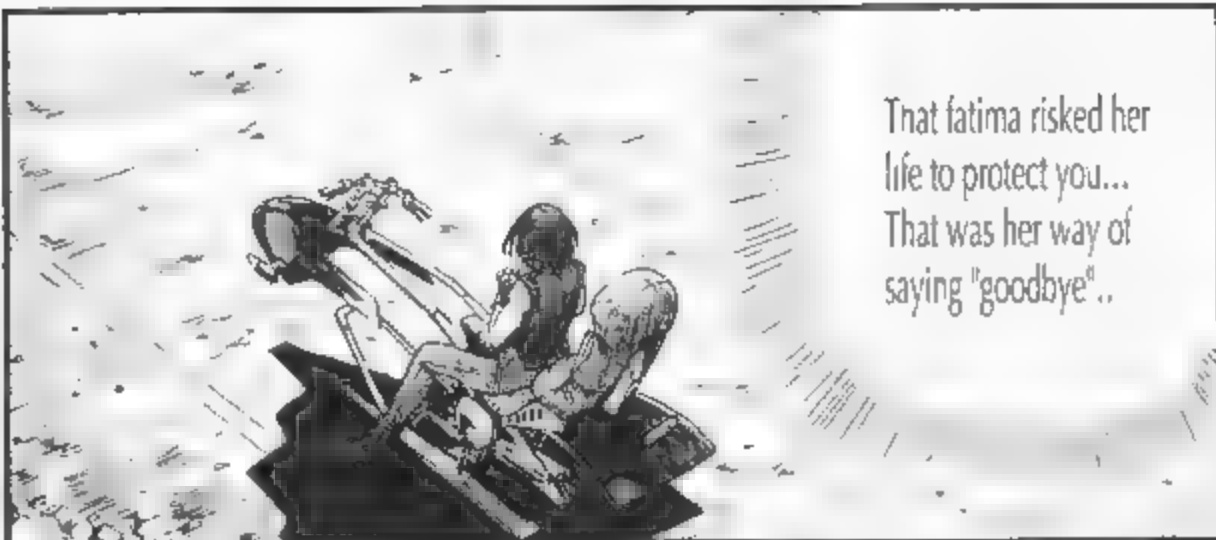
Are you willing to pursue
what you can't get until
you get it... for the rest of
your life... like me?

And I'm probably
the only one...

During that one
instant, she was
true to you



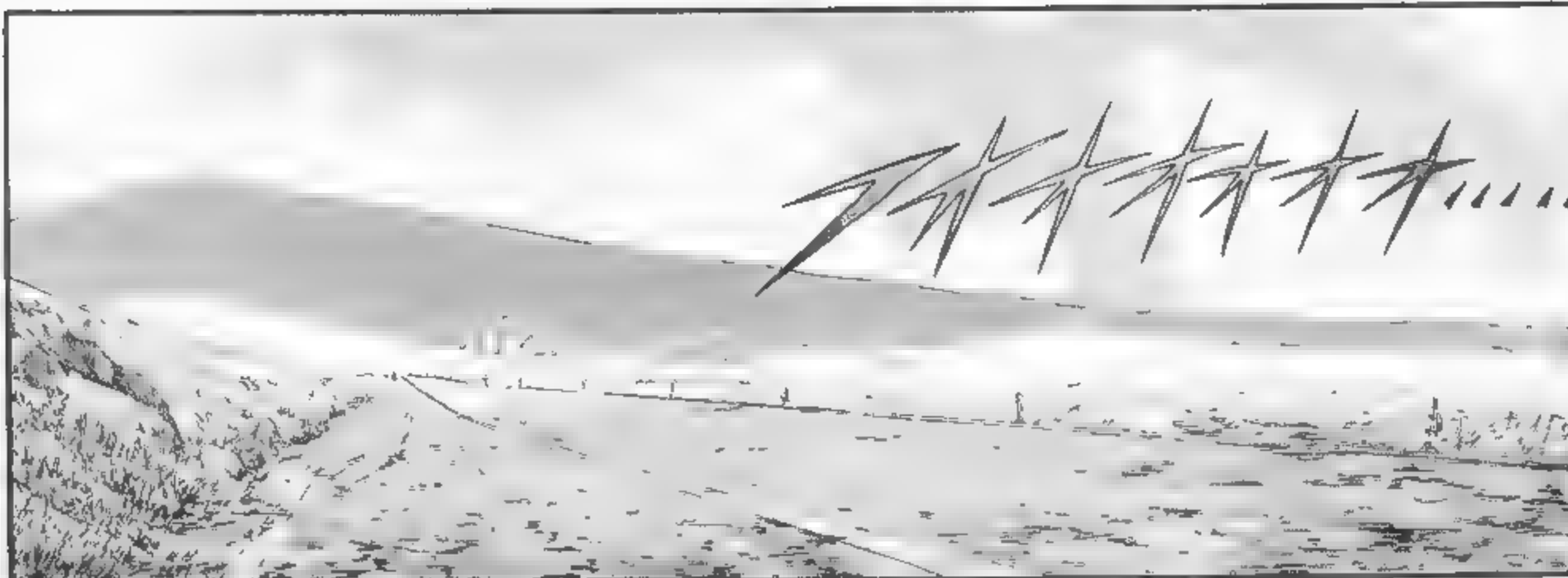
That fatima risked her
life to protect you...
That was her way of
saying "goodbye" ..



Wait for me,
Valsher!



I'll come for you
after I bring
Décors Weissmel
to his knees!



To be continued....

JC 3230	Amaterasu requests the countries of Kallamity Godarce to join the AKD, but following the lead of the Fulmore Empire, which boasts the planet's longest and most illustrious history, they ignore the request	Grand Sydmian is killed by a Mirage Knight while trying to escape Amaterasu establishes the Union of Galactic Kingdoms Atropos teams up with Mirage Knight headliner Upandla Raymu	Amaterasu returns to Colus VI the sword he received from Colus III, signifying Colus VI as the true heir to the Colus dynasty. The citizens of Delta Belun leave the planet along with the Mirage Knights in The Wild, in search of Lachesis. The "god of light" has fallen them
JC 3234	Amaterasu launches a military invasion of Kallamity Godarce, but is met with strong resistance by a unified defense force that has thoroughly studied his military strategy and tactical procedures.	JC 3967 Amaterasu entrusts all of his authority to his cat's paw, Upandla Raymu, a fatima created by Dr. Balanche, and retires into seclusion. At the same time, F.U. Rogner and the other Mirage Knights are cloistered and sealed.	JC 4101 Colus VI liberates the Galaxy JC 4103 Colus VI marries Daizina JC 4255 Colus VI passes away at the age of 205.
JC 3238	The Mirage Knights join the invasion of Kallamity Godarce as the war bogs down.	JC 3968 Empress Runka, a remnant of the Colus Dynasty's Meisner family, gives birth to Daizina, then dies at the hand of Amaterasu. Daizina disappears	JC 4300 The mortar heads gradually fall into dissipation. The headliners also gradually disappear, some taking their fatimas with them, some alone The era of war and destruction goes on, as the world continues its regression towards the pre-neval
JC 3239	Stanl approaches Kallamity, which experiences violent upheavals in the planet's crust and chaotic magnetic fluctuations. Rescue and emigration from Kallamity is stepped up. Amaterasu boards the Knight of Gold and leads the entire Mirage Knight corps in an all-out attack on the Fulmore Empire. It is the last action anyone will take on this planet doomed to destruction by the approach of Stanl. During the attack, KOC stalls on a shoal while crossing Lake Nnibidoug, and just before Kallamity explodes, Amaterasu is ejected to safety, leaving the MH and Lachesis stranded on the Lake. In order to lessen the shock from the impending volcanic explosion, KOC uses the buster launcher to dig a 5000 kilometer crater in the planet's crust and drops a shock resistant gelatin bomb into the Lake. However, nothing can save Lachesis from the explosion, as she and KOC are blown somewhere out on the dimensional edge	JC 3998 Amaterasu becomes deeply concerned over his aging fatimas and puts them to sleep. Galaxy MI-1s continue to switch over to the non-humanoid Eteramuru fatimas, and humanoid fatimas rarely appear in public. The headliner population is also decreasing. In a galaxy controlled by a single, oppressive ruler, Upandla, the number of mortar heads is also on the decrease, becoming superannuated and decrepit This year marks the beginning of Upandla's reign of terror	[The Era of the The Wild Galaxy]*
JC 3330	The Battle of Kallamity is spectacularly concluded, and survivors from the defeated Kallamity forces move to the Planet of Graves, where they commence anti-Amaterasu resistance activities	JC 4044 Daizina Meisner finds her way to Kastenpo on Both	JC 5899 On an unknown planet, the Knight of Gold is transformed into a meteorite and crashes
JC 3333	Amaterasu, upon consent from the only non-AKD planet, Juno, is enthroned as emperor of the Joker Galaxy	JC 4050 Daizina Meisner meets Colus VI, who is working for the anti-Amaterasu resistance in Kastenpo	JC 6599 Lachesis awakens and with the Knight of Gold joins a space war with another civilization. In the aftermath, uncontrollable bursts of energy from KOC hurl them again and again into time gaps and lost abysses.
JC 3345	The LED Dragon awakens.	JC 4061 After wandering aimlessly throughout the Galaxy, Colus VI is awakened to his headliner heritage after being shown the mortar heads that have been mustered for the resistance	JC 6787 In one planetary war, Lachesis is unable to activate the Knight of Gold, so this incomparable fatima takes command of a local cyborg weapon called an Imperion, to continue the fight
JC 3400-3900	Mortar head manufacture is slowed by natural resource scarcity The leader of Juno, King Colus V, begins a large scale program to improve his country's MH force led by the Berlins. Because the outcome of any battle is invariably decided by a clash of MHs, the anti-Amaterasu resistance forces scattered throughout the Galaxy assist in his efforts.	JC 4062 Colus begins training for combat, and the many knights he meets seem also to be descendants of his ancestors' generations of headliners.	JC 6800 Amaterasu builds the MH Coal Mirage, also known as Magdali Chivantes JC 6850 Amaterasu and Lachesis, each on their own, travel from planet to universe encountering new human species and life forms
JC 3910	The knights of the anti-Amaterasu resistance gather on Juno. Amaterasu reveals plans to conquer Juno.	JC 4075 Junchoon and Clotho are discovered, but Clotho remains sealed and will not awaken.	JC 7199 Lachesis lands on a mechanized planet and repairs the Knight of Gold.
JC 3952	Amaterasu launches his last expeditionary invasion and heads for Juno. A messenger is dispatched from Both to Amaterasu. It is Atropos	JC 4076 Colus VI meets Wey Rouath, possibly another headliner descendant.	JC 7281 Amaterasu converses with the Obelisk Monument, which seems to contain a memory of people from the Joker Galaxy
JC 3960	The heir apparent to the Colus Dynasty, Colus VI, escapes to Both with the help of Atenta, princess of Ballanka. The three royal families of the Colus Dynasty disband and scatter to the four corners of the Galaxy. The Black Knight Grand Sydmian, in the employ of the Colus Dynasty, conceals Junchoon and Clotho deep in the thick forests of the continent of Borshoi.	JC 4080 Civil war breaks out on Juno, and Colus VI takes command of the anti-Amaterasu resistance forces in the conflict. JC 4082 An Amaterasu mortar head, Wunderschalze, defects to Colus' side JC 4088 Headliners and fatimas who have been hiding throughout the Galaxy flock to Colus' side JC 4090 Colus liberates Both. After the devastation of AKD forces invading Kastenpo by an LED Dragon inferno, the Upandla regime gradually loses control of the situation, inhaling the decline and fall of the AKD, but Amaterasu refuses to step in. JC 4093 Civil war breaks out on Delta Belun. JC 4100 The Floating Temple, the symbol of the AKD, is destroyed. Colus' Junchoon and Upandla's Knight of Gold engage on the battlefield. Two fates hurry to the fray. Delta Belun is consumed in the quasar inferno of the LED Dragon.	JC 7343 Lachesis suddenly finds herself on Earth, in Poland during January 1945. She hides the Knight of Gold in the Baltic Sea and goes to fight in the Battle of Berlin. On 7 May she leaves the Division Nord and for France, then returns to the Baltic Sea and falls asleep. JC 7451 Lachesis awakens in the Earth year of 2187 and returns to Space JC 7503 Lachesis transcends time to appear in the Joker Galaxy in JC 2043. She meets the 23 year old prince of Greco, Amaterasu. After planting a memory of their encounter, she leaves the Galaxy JC 7777 Lachesis and Amaterasu are reunited on the emerald planet of Fortune and are married. They bear a daughter, Kallen, and the human species begins a new phase in its evolution

*Time in the The Wild era is measured in the years actually passed by Amaterasu, but in Joker time it is 5,671,000,000 years in length

Chronology

(Last Millennia of the AD Era)

- AD 4000** Iuno is discovered. Both is reclaimed and colonized. An alliance of imperial families founds the super-empire Farus Die Kannarn.
- AD 5000** Reign of the "Blazing Empress." The Galaxy establishes all disciplines of pure science. The rise of intimidaling warriors and powerful wizards. Invention of the most destructive weapon known to man, the buster launcher.
- AD 6000** Height of interstellar exploration. Continuous intergalactic wars cause such devastation to existing races and cultures that the human species becomes incapable of retaining its historical legacy in fact.
- AD 8000** A geophysical world of four solar systems begins to take form. Reclamation of planets take place on a galactic scale—as the deserts of Audier and Pésako, the closest planet to its sun, are made inhabitable.
- AD 9000** Interstellar exploration reaches an impasse, and space adventurers return to their home planets. The influence of Farus Die Kannarn wanes, as new independent states rise. Buster control technology is perfected. Popularization of the external combustion "ezlazer" engine, a technical spin-off from buster launcher know-how.

(The Joker Millennia)*

- JC 0001** Stabilization is achieved on the planets of the Galaxy's four solar systems, as interplanetary diplomatic agreements are negotiated and enacted, marking the beginning of the Joker Era. At this point in time, however, human civilization reaches its pinnacle and begins its descent. The Joker Galaxy enters an era of senescence and decline. A civilization that once advanced into the outer reaches of the universe, experimented with speeds exceeding light, and sought existence beyond the three dimensions is slowing down. The human race is now in a process of reverse evolution. From this point on, there will be no sign of significant historical change, even in millennia terms.
- JC 0980** Birth of the mortar head—a battle machine modeled after the human anatomy and designed in the artistic style of science and engineering.
- JC 2020** In the Kingdom of Grees on eastern De la Belun, the second planet in the Eastern Solar System, the albino Amaterasu Dis Grand Grees Eydas IV is born and destined to become the kingdom's Bath monarch.
- JC 2026** Scientific genius Uranium Balance publishes his research on organic humanoid computer systems.
- JC 2040** Emperor Amaterasu uses his exquisite beauty and charm along with his superior intellect to gain unwavering support from the people of Delta Belun's eastern bloc of countries.
- JC 2087** Amaterasu and Lira are married. Lira will die childless at the young age of 130 (equivalent to 25 years of age in earthling time). On the average, human's of the Joker Galaxy live to the age of around 300.

- JC 2135** Amaterasu makes improvements in the ezlazer, external combustion engine used throughout the Galaxy to generate heavy energy.
- JC 2200** The beginning of a century of frequent international disputes and military aggression, promoted in part by the mortar head's ability to minimize casualties and destruction of property in the process of territorial expansion.
- JC 2310** A data processor greatly improving the control of mortar heads is developed by the mad scientist Lithium Balance. It is called the "fatima," an artificial life-form physiologically identical to human beings.
- JC 2324** Amaterasu is enthroned as the ruler of Grees at the age of 304. Over a thirty-year period he has contributed much to the cause of international peace among the countries of De la Belun.
- JC 2397** Despite his 377 years, Amaterasu has remarkably not aged significantly since reaching adulthood.
- JC 2400** Amaterasu's Eastern Solar System and the Northern Solar System, which is ruled by large and powerful countries, attain a state of relatively peaceful coexistence while the smaller countries scattered throughout the Southern and Western Solar Systems remain in political turmoil. It is a time of mass production of both mortar heads and fatimas.
- JC 2629** Amaterasu makes the acquaintance of the scientific genius Chrome Ballanche.
- JC 2810** Amaterasu spends ten years recruiting a corps of superior headliners to act as his imperial guard and names them the Mirage Knights.
- JC 2813** Amaterasu's imperial guards are organized into an order of knights known as the First Eastern Mirage Corps, which is given command of the elite imperial armed forces, and charged with employing their mortar heads in quelling international military incidents.
- JC 2875** Amaterasu unites the ten eastern countries surrounding the Kingdom of Grees. Similarly, in the Southern Solar System, Colus I, ruler of the super power on the planet Iuno, forms the kingdoms on his borders into the Colus Dynasty. Colus II is born.
- JC 2878** Amaterasu is appointed planetary president of Delta Belun.
- JC 2899** Amaterasu unites Delta Belun into an organization called Amaterasu Kingdom Domesnes (hereafter AKD). The report of this action is greeted with surprise and apprehension throughout the Galaxy. Dr. Bailanche completes the AKD flagship battle cruiser Bell Creal.
- JC 2900** A scarcity of natural resources in the Galaxy reaches critical proportion, and some synthetic materials that have existed for thousands of years begin to transform or deteriorate. Kallamity Godatee, the second planet in the Northern Solar System, begins to transform under the influence of its own planetary reclamation activities. Amaterasu is 880 years old.

- JC 2955** Completion of Amaterasu's airborne palace, the

floating Temple, an island 2.5 kilometers across hovering 3000 meters in the atmosphere above the planet.

- JC 2987** One of the Galaxy's most authoritative scientists, Dr. Bailanche, decides that a fatima debut will not be held for Atropos, one of his "three fates of destiny" and allows her to escape.
- JC 2988** Dr. Bailanche's final two fatimas, Lachesis and Clotho, come of age. Amaterasu acquires Lachesis, while Clotho is taken into the care of Iuno's King Colus III.
- JC 2989** Three leading edge mortar heads, called LED Mirages, join the forces of the Colus Dynasty against neighboring aggressor, Lagooda. Mr. Meister Lad os Sopp is entrusted with the jeweled sword of the Colus Royal Family, and the royal family's Mr. Jünchoon is sealed shut with Clotho inside.
- JC 2992** Atropos begins 350 years of seclusion with an infant LED Dragon.
- JC 2994** Magdali and Depre are born in the Republic of Lithalia in the Western Solar System.
- JC 3007** The LED Mirage fleet and Amaterasu's Knight of Gold are exhibited before the Galaxy. Second phase of the Mirage Knights.
- JC 3009** Completion of the heavy Mr. Jügg Mirage known as the "monster of the Mirage Knights" due to its dual buster canon design.
- JC 3010** The "Majestic Stand" begins, and the Galaxy is thrown into greater political turbulence than it has ever experienced.
- JC 3079** Princess Magdali is crowned ruler of the Holy Led A-Toll Empire.
- JC 3159** Amaterasu suddenly launches a military attack on the Rent Republic of the neighboring planet of Adler.
- JC 3162** Adler is incorporated into the AKD and becomes Amaterasu's base of military operations, commanding a huge galactic expeditionary force.
- JC 3180** Amaterasu begins construction of the Galaxy's largest space vessel, The Will.
- JC 3185** Construction of The Will is completed, and enthusiasm is heightened among the people over galactic unification. Amaterasu is 1165 years old.
- JC 3199** Amaterasu launches an invasion of Both in the Western Solar System. Many of the planet's residents welcome the invasion as the arrival of political stability to a chaotic situation that has continued since the beginning of the Majestic Stand, so Both is quickly incorporated into the AKD. However, the region of Kasienpo on the continent of Ynam for some reason is able to retain its former status as a free and autonomous district, and only the Holy Led A-Toll Empire is granted sovereignty.
- JC 3225** The moving solar system of Stant with a 1500-year orbit approaches the Joker Galaxy, and it is predicted that Stant will increase the instability of Kallamity already caused by manera, resource reclamation.

*Earth years are not synchronized because time progresses faster in the Joker Galaxy.

#24/39p



チラ
Chilah
Secretly glancing sideways
Stealing a glimpse

#24/25p



よよよ...
Yo-yo-yo
Tears of regret invoking pity

#24/19p



ホホホホ
Ho-ho-ho-ho
(Tee-hee-hee)
Laugh of a refined lady, or the
sarcastic laugh of a conceited
bitch

#24/85p



ぴらっ
Pihrrhal
Lifting up or opening a thin
piece of clothing or paper

#24/52p



くんくん
Kuhn-kuhn (Sniff)
Trying hard to pick up a scent

#24/52p



むわわーん
Moowhaaann
A heavy odor exuding from
something

ふはーっ
Poohhaat
A heavy puff of air, exhaled
after holding one's breath too
long

#24/21p



カーカーカー
Kaah-kaah
The call of a raven

#24/7p



くねくねくねー
Kuhnay-kuhnay-
kuhnaaay
Wailing in pain or misery

#24/56p



ばたばたばたばたっ
Bahtah-bahtah-
bahtaht
Scrambling around in panic
and confusion

#24/87p



消...
A Chinese character
indicating that something
just disappeared, presto!

#24/12p

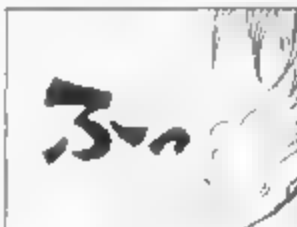


カッ
Kahl (C'mon!)
Getting psyched up.

むんっ
Muhnl
Swelling one's chest as a
gesture of pride

ふっ
Fuht
A nasal sigh of disgust
denouncing someone as a
moron

#24/27p



ヨロッ
Yohroht
About to collapse from
exhaustion, staggering

#24/27p

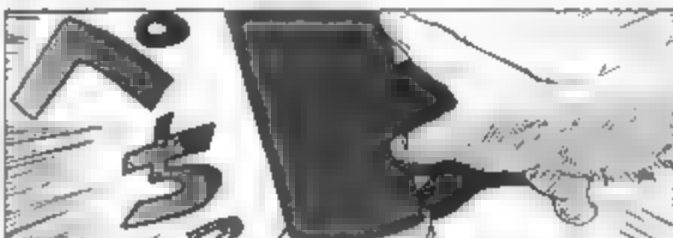


#24/26p



ずるっ
Zuh-ruht
Slipping and falling. Losing one's balance

#24/59p



ぺちっ
Pehchil (Pat-pat)
Patting someone on the shoulder or cheek in a friendly manner

Special Effects

Five Star Stories like any comic is filled with special effects, which in Japanese are divided into words that resemble sounds and words that express appearances or images. Some can be found in any dictionary, some were created by the author. The following list is a sampling of the special effects appearing in this volume

#24/20p



ボム
Bohmuht (Fwoom)
Bumping into something,
Damage done by an explosion

#24/63p



パン
Pahn (Slap, clap, smack)
The sound of two hands
clapping

#24/58p



キュ
Kyui
Compressed or lightly squeezed

#24/71p



タブン
Tahpuhn
Sound of a large amount of
water hitting the bottom of a
container.

#24/20p



ボボワッ、ボワッ
Bohbohwaht, Bohwaht
Exploding into flames.

#24/20p



#24/57p



グイ
Gooiht
Pulling on something, or
pulling something to you.

#24/9p



わなわなわな
Wahna-wahna
Shivering with anger or remorse

#24/34p

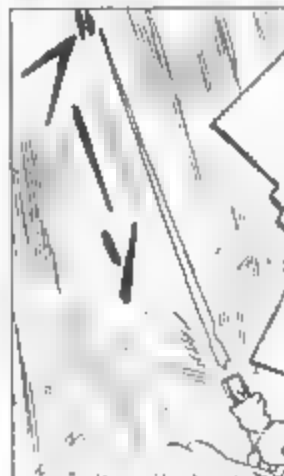


#24/33p



コキ
Cokey
Cracking a neck or shoulder
joint while stretching, etc

#24/37p



ブーン
Buuuhhn
(Zoam, voosh)
Sound of a sword being
wielded

#24/31p



ブルブルブル
Puhruh-puhruh-puhruh
(Shiver)
Shivering.

#24/65p



すっかーん
Sukkaahn
Pleasing sound of getting good
wood on a baseball.

#24/32p



ミキッ
Meekit (Crunch)
Sound of something buckling
under heavy pressure. Also
the feeling of being pinned
under or inside something.

#24/31p



ビシッ
Pihshit
Coming to an abrupt stop (no
skidding).

#24/25p



ハア...ハア...ハア...
Haah-haah-haah
(Pant-pant)
Out of breathe, heavy
breathing, having trouble
breathing.

#24/25p



#24/25p



パッ
Paht
An expression of quickness.

フィーン
Feen (Braaaaown)
Sound of a highly tuned
vehicle, like a dig, at top
speed

#24/24p



ジリッ
Jihrhil
Moving one's chair or sitting
position so as to close in on
something

#24/39p

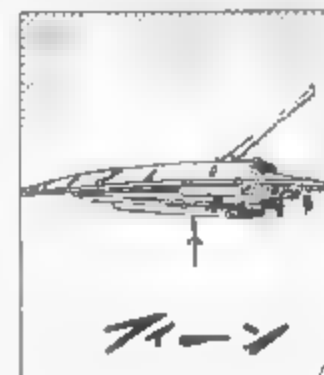


#24/18p



ゴオオオ
Gooooouuuu (Huuurrrrr)
Sound and expression of a
roaring wind or sand storm.

#24/84p



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ファティマ・ビルトの右脚(後編)

MAMORU NAGANO



Allen Bradford and Kyo. Their M-1 error message has changed its dark color to a pastel, airy tone.

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Mamoru Nagano is a storyteller, whose narrative style arose strangely enough from his background in the design of character and robot animation for television. The unique characters and mechanical devices that flow out of Mamoru's pen are always in line with the latest mode, which is why they always hit the market in such sensational fashion. His peculiar touch with the pen stems technically from a blend of traditional Japanese ink brush techniques and whatever is happening on the graphic art scene at any particular time, while compositionally his work stems from various fetishistic tendencies. The following is a chronological account of Mamoru's career.

Artist, comic writer, musician, designer, and Macintosh recluse Mamoru Nagano was born in the city of Maizuru, Kyoto Prefecture in January 1960. In 1984 he made his animation debut as the character designer of the TV cartoon *Heavy Metal L-Gaim*. His first comic, *Fool for the City*, was published in *Newtype* magazine in 1985, followed by *Five Star Stories* serial, which began in 1986. Five stories were completed by 2000; then in spring 2001, Story #6 was begun. *FSS* was first published in paperback by Kadokawa, which released 11 volumes with a total sales of 7 million copies, marking it as a popular long seller among Japanese comic fans. The author's latest work is another animated serial entitled *Brain-Powered*. Much of his work is under copyright of and being published by his own company, TOYSPRESS, Inc.

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A Vast Tale Promising to Straddle the Centuries

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We open with Sopp trying to figure out a name for the dragon nymph that revitalized everything but his Amaterasu super powers. And they're spotted by Di-Barrow's troops. While Sopp is recuperating in Atropos' hideout, he dreams of his first years of infancy and how he recovered from the comatose state he was born into. Meanwhile, Barrow's search and destroy mission is joined by the Pied Piper mercenaries, as Allen Bradford is dispatched to scout the whereabouts of the three targets. Bradford wins the battle with Atropos brilliantly despite a dysfunctional Kyo and the awesome power of the Auge. Atropos decides to abandon the hideout, taking Sopp and Suezhou to safety in a nearby marsh, as Lonni approaches with the Schpeilor, courtesy of Kaien, and a full corps of AKD infantry regulars. Aisha Codante is also on the move in the effort to rescue Sopp. Lonni's

AKD rescue mission arrives to the surprise of the Barrow camp, which hasn't a clue that it was Sopp (Amaterasu) whom Bradford shot to death and who now is miraculously with the nymph and some mysterious "headliner." A limited ground war ensues under an AKD decision not to deploy its mortar headd until they can locate Sopp. The unsuspecting Barrow camp is again perplexed by the tactic, but answers the challenge in kind. What follows is fun and games in the AKD trenches.



Five Star Stories Vols. XVIII-XX

The ground war between the forces of Di-Barrow in search of the dragon nymph's "Water of Life" and the AKD in search of Ladios Sopp, continues with neither side knowing exactly why the other is in Kaslenpo. The AKD decides to deploy its mortar headd to cut Barrow off from the marsh and wait for Aisha to pinpoint Sopp's exact location. In the midst of the escalation into a mortar headd confrontation between Barrow and AKD forces in Kaslenpo, Allen Bradford is relieved of duty by Di-Barrow after his fatima, Kyo, loses her mind and wrecks his mortar headd. Sopp finds the dysfunctional Kyo, and ends up knighting him, just in time to have him rescue the three fugitives from the clutches of a completely Bosjathfort-possessed version of Barrow. Sopp, Suezhou and Atropos are saved by Bradford, but the "Water of Life" falls into Barrow's hands only to have the

opposite effect, destroying him. Now that Sopp is safe, an all-out MHI war ensues, escalating into a busier launcher quick-draw contest. Schaft and Paltanon win the day for the AKD, but Schaft succumbs to Bosjathfort's sorcery. Sopp returns to Delta Belun with a Dragon Drop for Lachesis. We then flip a couple of millennia into the future to the abandonment and demolition of the Floating Temple, as Atropos once again laments her and her sisters' fate. Then she and Suezhou head off into the horizon.



Five Star Stories Vols. XXI-XXIII

Here we start a new series of episodes, called The Chevaliers, said to be the purest, most powerful and craziest of headliners. Episode 1 goes way off the FSS chronology to the year 18097! The Joker Galaxy is all but done for, with the exception of its youngest planet, Juno. Another mad scientist is trying to recreate the artificial life form described as the "fatima." In Episode 2, Sharie Randers returns to Delta Belun from her ambassadorship on Juno and quits the knighthood in true chevalier style. Episode 3 again takes us to the outer limits of the FSS chronology, this time into the past to the Galaxy's pre-Joker A.D. era. The story centers around Ned Swans, the purest and the wildest chevalier ever. Episode 4 takes place on Addler in J.C. 2997. Hathuha A'P Knight, Wandam Harrer, suddenly disappears from a flagship, taking his mortar headd and fatima with him. The A'P death squad is dispatched to

destroy him... Princess Mugumica then sends Jabo Beal assisted by Voards Viewlard, to stop them. Episode 5 finds Jabo Beal in Zanda City Kaslenpo on the planet Both only to meet her death completely by accident. Dougulus Kaien appears at the Hathuha palace to meet his kids for the first time and pledge allegiance to Princess Mugumica. The Episode 6 in the series is the saga of Christine V, daughter of one of Kallamity's elite Kneue Sylliss knights, who winds up killed a classmate for insulting her and her headliner heritage.



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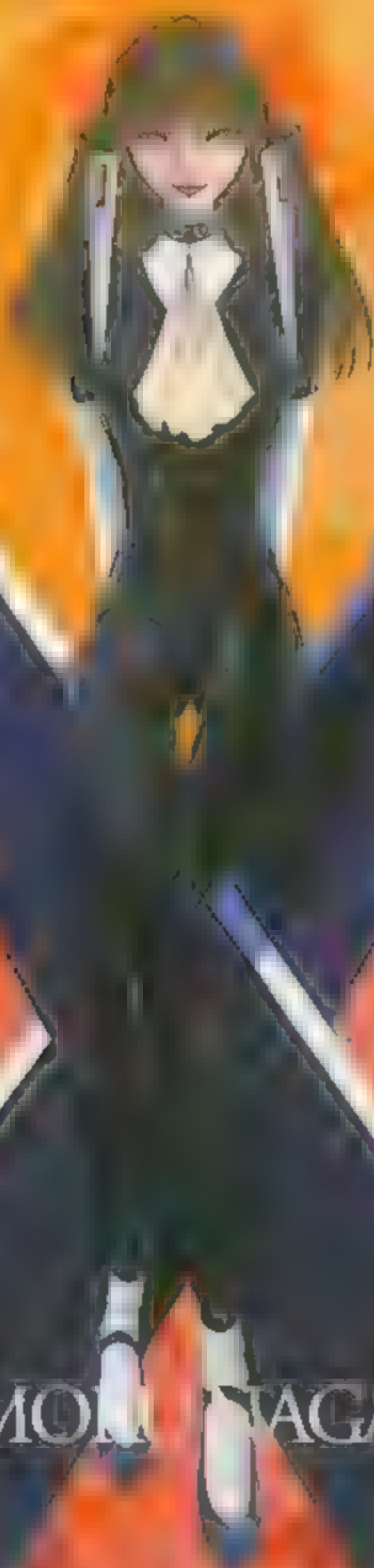
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Dedicated to Fatimas Everywhere



This is a tale of the god of light, Amaterasu, and his wife Lachesis, who emerged victorious from an era of wars that raged throughout four solar systems. It will also tell of the many bold and daring headliners who battled courageously during those times, some victorious, some not, but always in the name of chivalry.

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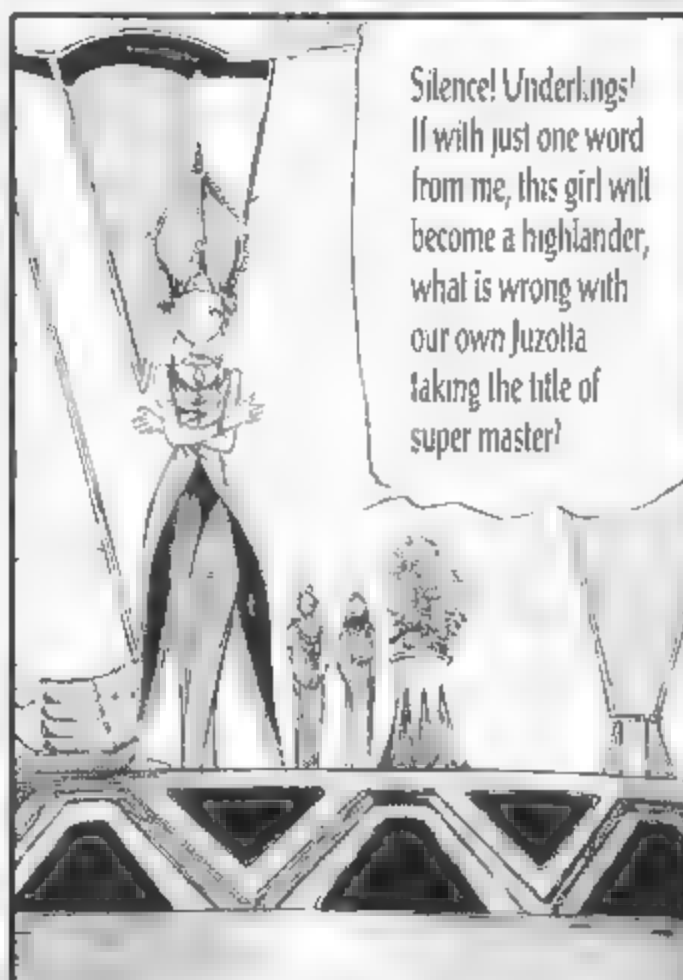
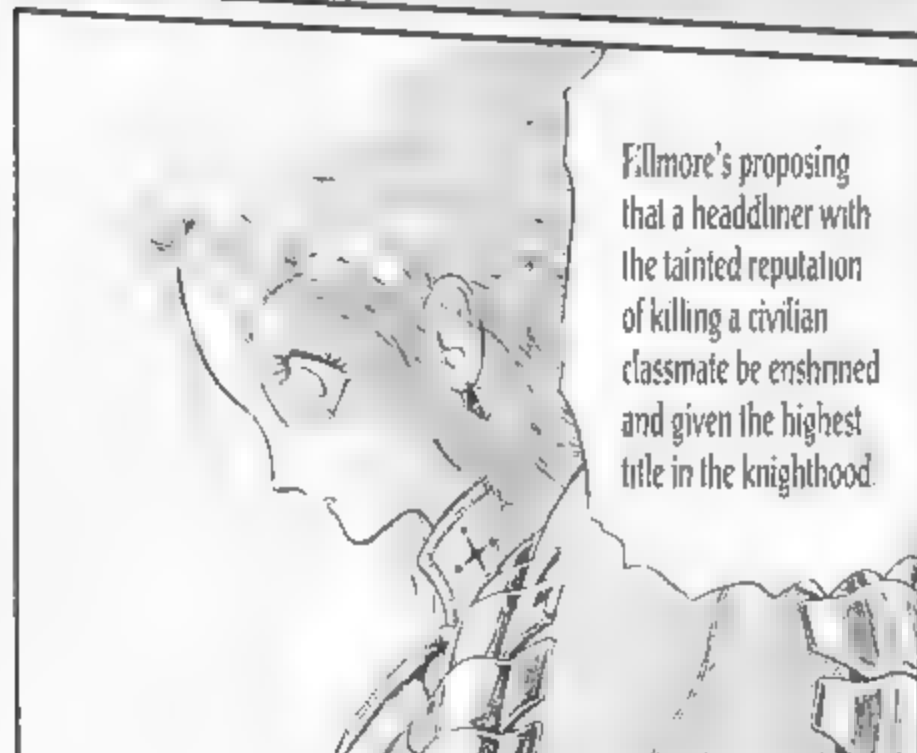
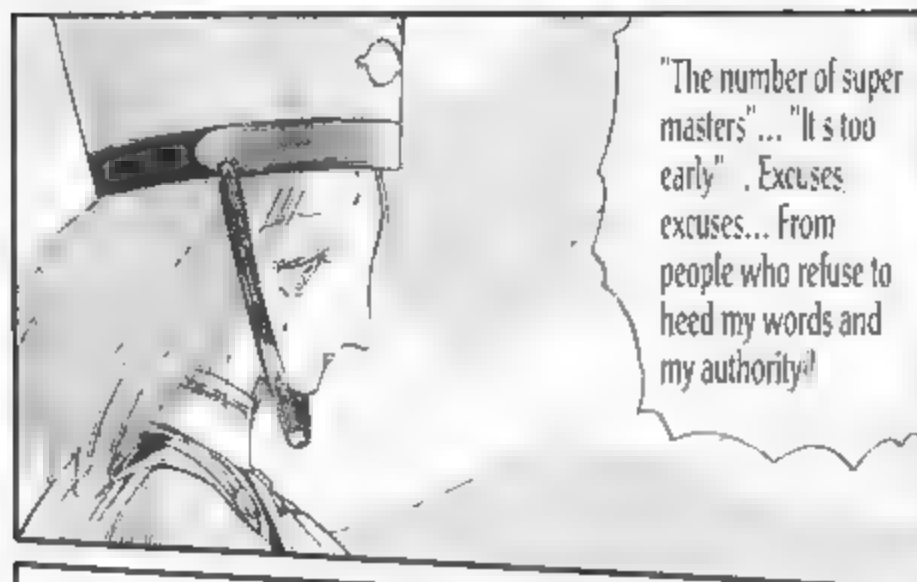
pisode 9 brings together Christine V and Her Ladyship Mamadoa Juzotta, who are ordered to dual for the titles of "highlander" and "super master." Christine's refusal wins her the title. Later the two young headliners meet again and begin brawling in public, a definite headliner faux pax, which Dougulus Kaien points out to them in not so gentle a manner.

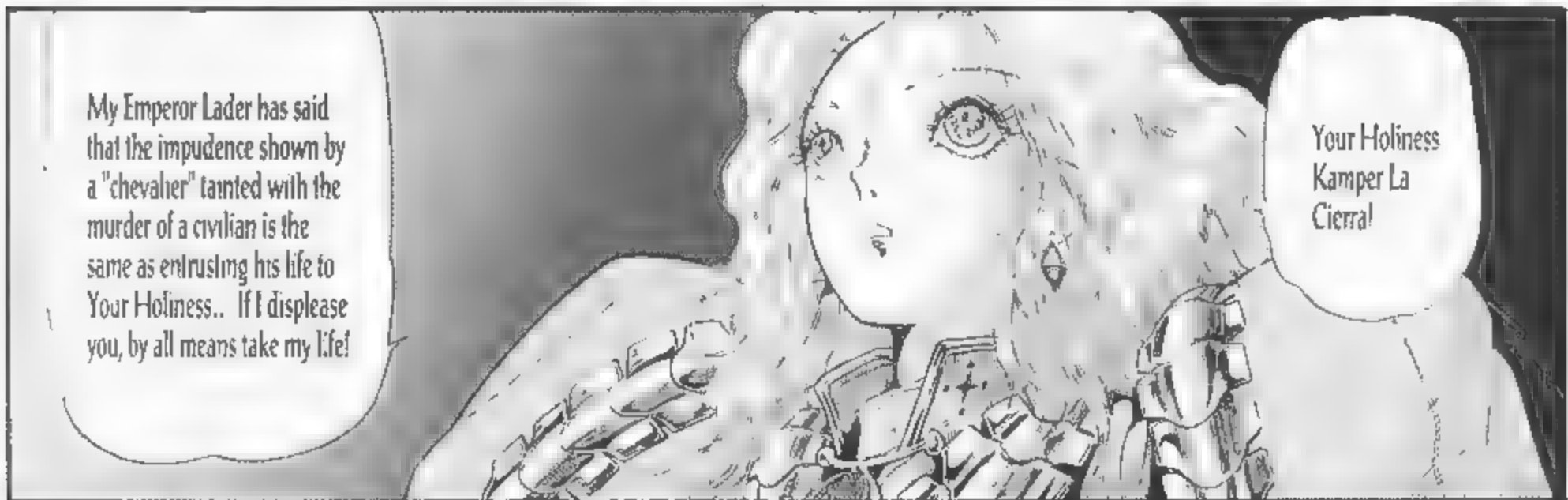


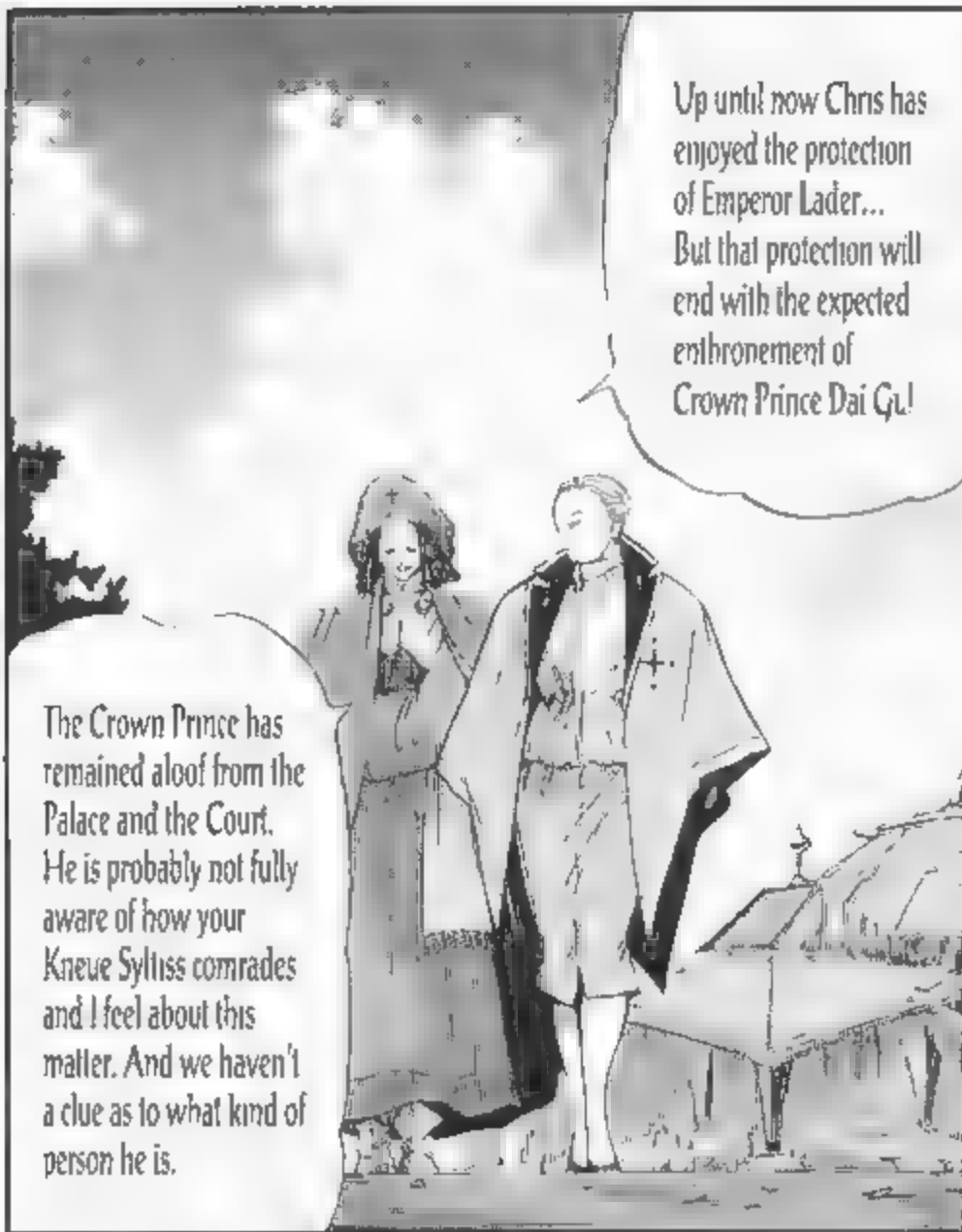
Episode 9

Addler J.C. 3007

Visit From The Ultimate Chevaliers







Up until now Chris has enjoyed the protection of Emperor Lader... But that protection will end with the expected enthronement of Crown Prince Dai Gu!

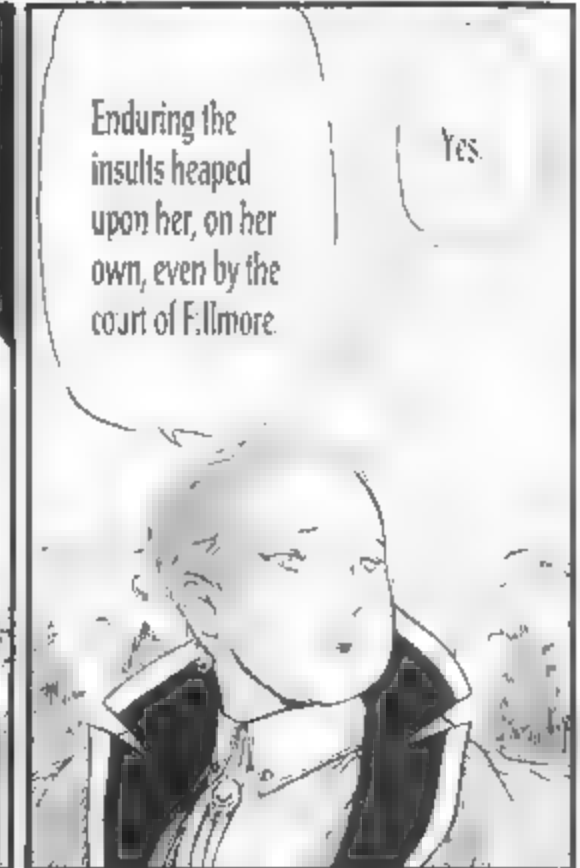
The Crown Prince has remained aloof from the Palace and the Court. He is probably not fully aware of how your Kneue Sylliss comrades and I feel about this matter. And we haven't a clue as to what kind of person he is.



That was some ordeal. But Chris came through with flying colors!



Indeed... But there is one more thing that worries me.



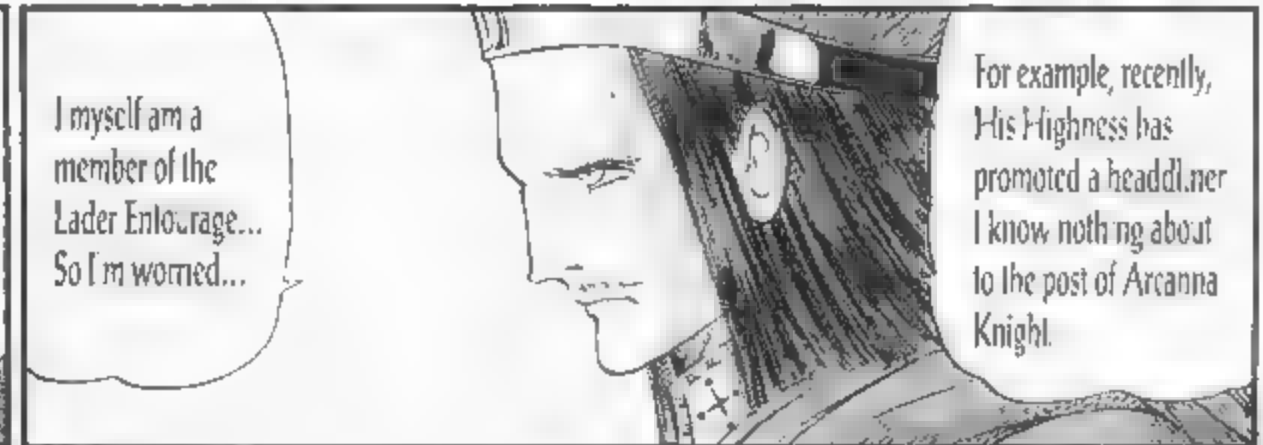
Enduring the insults heaped upon her, on her own, even by the court of F. Ilmore

Yes.



What?

That is why I need your opinion, Ik! Concerning my plan to isolate her.



I myself am a member of the Lader Entourage... So I'm worried...

For example, recently, His Highness has promoted a headliner I know nothing about to the post of Arcanna Knight.



Aaah... Yes, Your Highness!

As long as she carries a spadd with her, we can always keep track of her I have to go. You iron out the details!



She's been kept under constant supervision for the first ten years of her life. It's time for her to spread her wings!!

Don't you see? Chris is still in grammar school! She probably dreams of dressing like all the other kids... in Super Lovers half-shells, Mac-Mu purses, Hysteric Glamour sweaters, Ozone, American Rag Cie.. The works!!

This is the island of Eralde on Addler under the influence of the Bakimrakkan Empire, but an autonomous region, like Bastogne and the cities of Kastenpo. It was liberated from the imperialistic designs of the Galaxy's super powers with the appearance of the Holy Empress, who has had the ability to judge the strength and family background of a headliner at first sight. Almost all of the titles, Super, Evolve and Mega Master, as well as Sword Sage (the ultimate chevalier), are bestowed on headliners by the Holy Empress at audiences held on Eralde.



You're looking especially charming today, Ik!!

One other thing.



Always on the go... How does he find the time?

Illustrated Chronology of the Galaxy's Sword Sages

Key: Duration of title: Name (born-died), Fatima (Fatima meight)

2620-2809,
2819-2892:
Dimos Hiabrak
2488-2892,
Salome Factory-
made) & Queen
(Chrome Ballanche)

2810-2819,
2970 present
Dougulus Karen
(2600s-),
Queen & Auxo
(Chrome Ballanche)

2899-2970
Ena Dai Gu
Fillmore (2787),
Chandanna
(Chrome Ballanche)



2619-2620:
Harricone Nedelnoide
(aka Harricone
Melody; 2560-2619),
La. Optical Tai Phone,
the Silent Flawless
(Arsenic Balance)

2310-2460:
Nakkandrah View
Swans (?-2490),
Focuslight
(Lithium Balance)

2464-2549:
Duke Vizantins
(2345-2596),
InterCity
(Lithium Balance)

2550-2610:
Heride Sayaste
(2412-2630),
O'haine Flawless
(Arches Mercury)

I've forgotten...
that such a
word exists...



I don't even know... if the
clothes that girl is wearing
are in fashion or not? What
do girls my age like... What
do they go wild over?

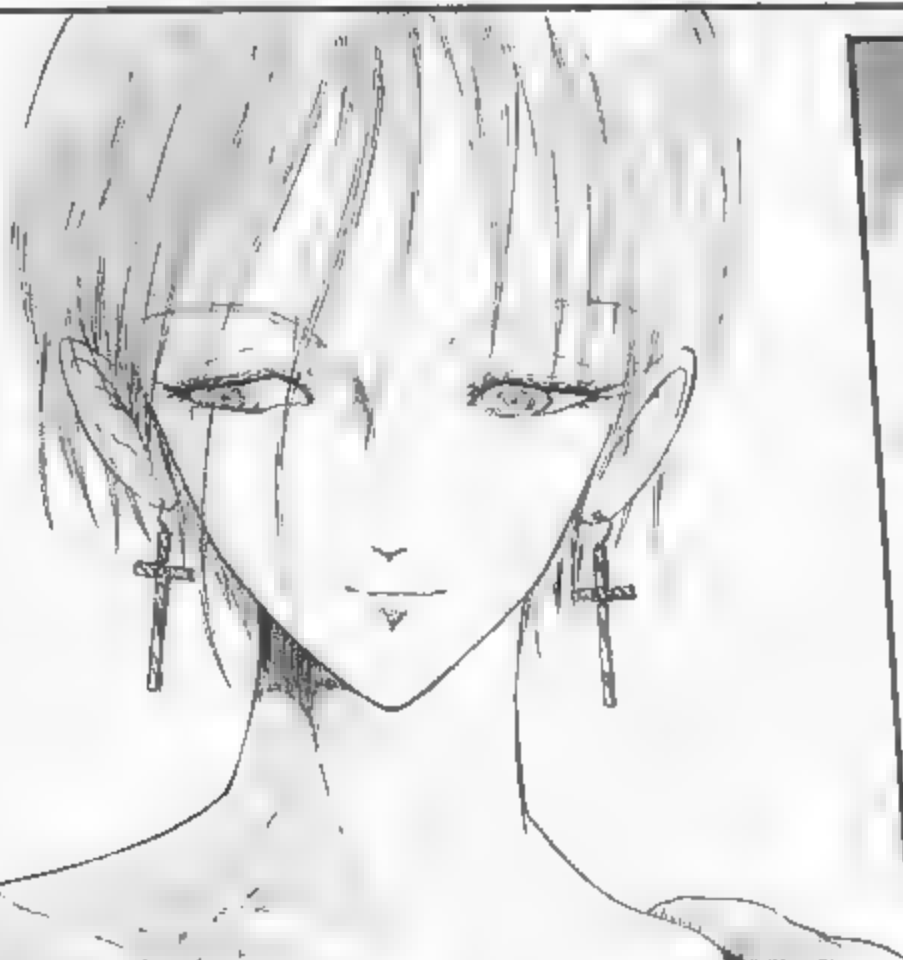


All I know are
swordsmanship
tactical theory and
mortar heads

I'm a murderer... I kill people...
the enemy... That's is my
whole life... Nothing more,
nothing less...



Talking with other girls...
Shopping... Having a boyfriend...
Never in my lifetime...



Hello there.
By yourself?

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あ
い



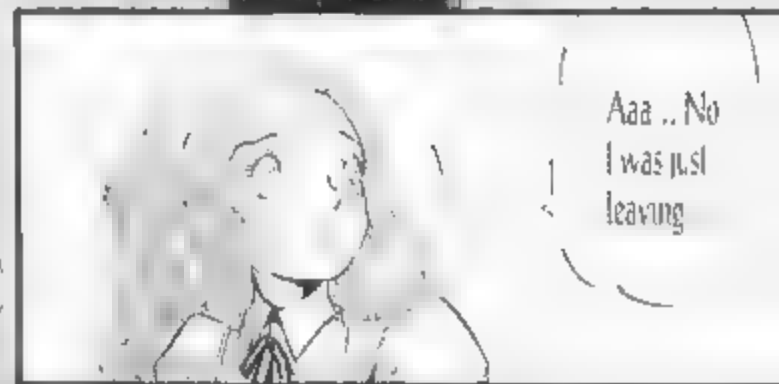


All the tables
are taken. So
why don't you
join us?



You must be
tired, grand
dame.

It's awfully
crowded in
here today.



Aaa... No
I was just
leaving



Waiter!
Another
chair over
here, please.

Let me take
your cloak,
madame..

Sorry. We
don't mean
to be pushy.

Don't be silly.
Come have
some tea, deary.



One thing led to another... then I was drawing my sword.

Really? I'm so glad.

No..

A friend of yours!

No biggie

Oh that

I was afraid that some snarling Neanderthal would be coming... But when I saw you, I was so relieved that you were human... A girl human...

I was so surprised when I heard... A girl my age coming here to receive Fillmore's most prestigious title...

The one... the only one in my heart... is Sir Karen... shiver!

No, no! We're not... you know... involved in that way... because... because...

Why don't you two get married! Have a lot of babies... Ka-thank, ka-thank... An army of 'em...

A boy He lacks a little delicacy now... but when...

Something wonderful has happened to me! Let me tell you about it! A couple of summers ago, I made this new friend... Kind of rough around the edges, though

私

カイエン
さま

I just know that
he prefers long
haired women
with gorgeous
figures...

I wonder what
he's really like...
The Galaxy's own
Sword Sage...

...wearing black
lingerie... blowing his
hot breathe in their
ears... Oh... I wish I
could be a woman like
that... in black lingerie...
worthy of Sir Kaien's
embraces...

Wh... what
are you
doing?

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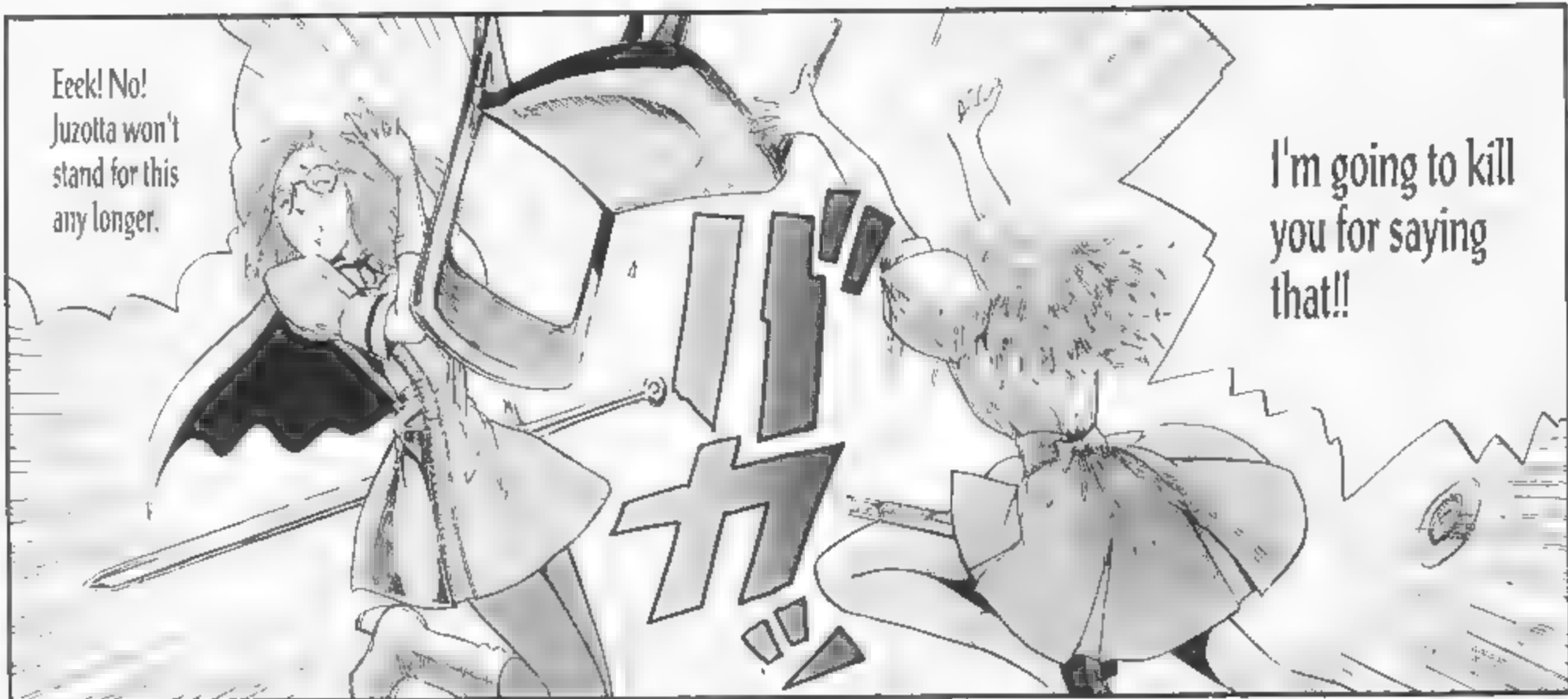
Shut up, bitch!!

You stupid
bitch...

How repulsive...
Filmore people really
are barbarians, as I
expected. Just like
Uncle Harris said...
low-life savages!

Nonsense...
She's just what
you need!!

Forgive me
I don't what got
into me. I'm not
that kind of girl,
really.



Eek! No!
Juzotta won't
stand for this
any longer.

I'm going to kill
you for saying
that!!



If it gets out of
hand, you're
the one to step
in, Nio.

Madame!



Yipes!



In a couple of
years they'll be
completely
unstoppable.

This is the
only time
anyone will be
able to control
those two.



Stop it... This
is sooo
nauseating...
Whatta a pain!

Ow! You
really did it
this time!



What are you
doing? This is
sooo repulsive...
Oh m'god!

ボス
ボスボス
ボス
ボス



I think
you're right.





I heard that!!
You ugly bitch!!



Oof!



Me oh me oh
my! What's
goin' on here?



Fight's over,
kids!



Ow!



Showing off how weak they are in public... Shame on you!

Listen up... You ill-mannered brats! A couple of punks...



What's such a soppy old man doing grabbing Juzotta like this?

Who are you, bedbug-face!!



He must not be aware of Lady Juzotta's reputation! Get Sir Harris here quickly!

Oh no! Now the headliner who came between them is getting involved in the fray!



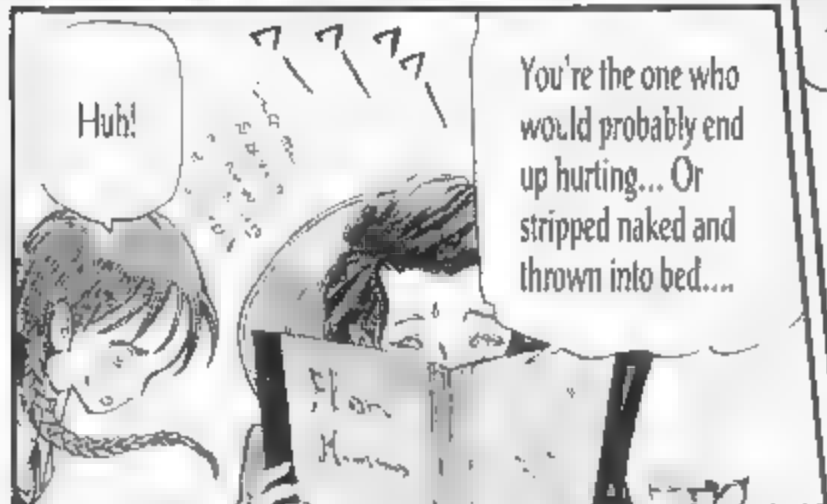
I think you want to get your ass kicked!

I won't stand for that! Do you know who I am?



No need, Nio Sheath your sword, dear.

I'm going to step in... before he gets hurt!



Huh!

You're the one who would probably end up hurting... Or stripped naked and thrown into bed....



Weaklings! Why don't you try us and see for yourself?

Being insulted by the likes of you would cast shame upon my descendants for generations!



No one gets off that easy!

Come back here!



Gulp! Panaf Francis! What are you doing here?

My my! If it isn't the Viscount himself!



This is getting too weird... See you around...



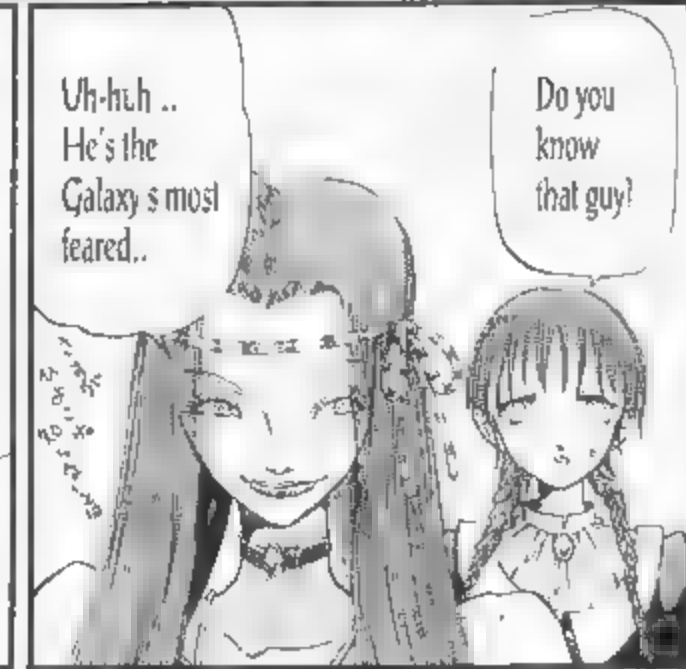
What is it?

Mrs. Cyan!



Tsk

Womanizer and stud, Viscount Huah von Hitter!



Uh-huh.. He's the Galaxy's most feared..

Do you know that guy?



I guess I'm gonna
have to give you
both a good
spanking.



Drawing
your swords
in public
like that...

He seems so
completely help-
less... What's
going on?



You're right
weird

spooky...



Some-
thing's...
happening

Some...



Chris! You drew
your sword, didn't
you! What in the
world for, honey!



Oh! Lady Ik!
I see you're
here, too!

Juzotta!!



Please stop
them, Sir Harris!



What a foolish
thing to do! What
if the Emperor
gets wind of this!





No. Leave them be!

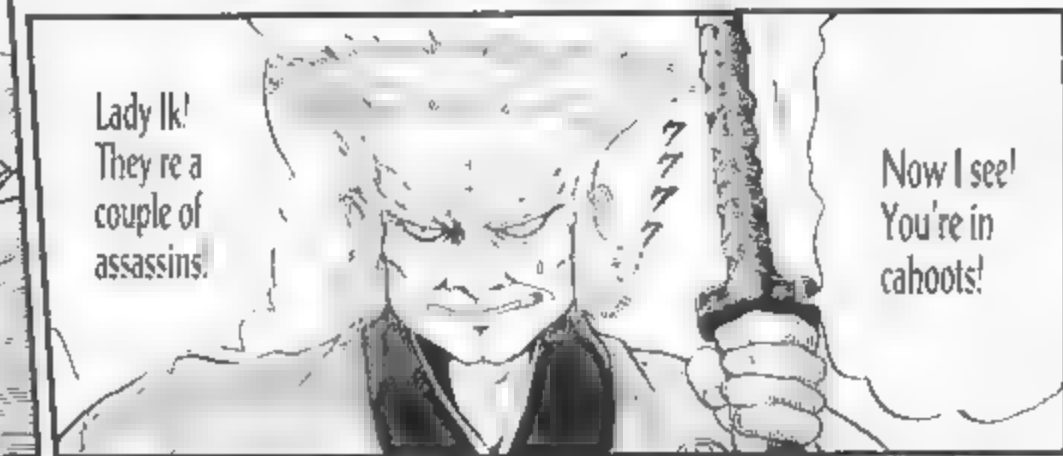


You're not going to get away with it, you blackguards!!

It's a plot to destroy Bakinnrakkan and Fillmore's most prized future possessions...

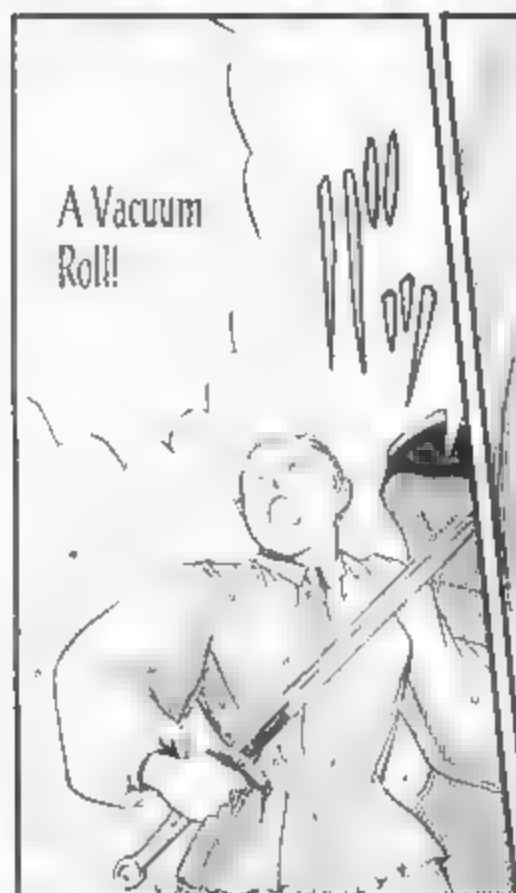


Grand dame!



Lady Ik! They're a couple of assassins!

Now I see! You're in cahoots!

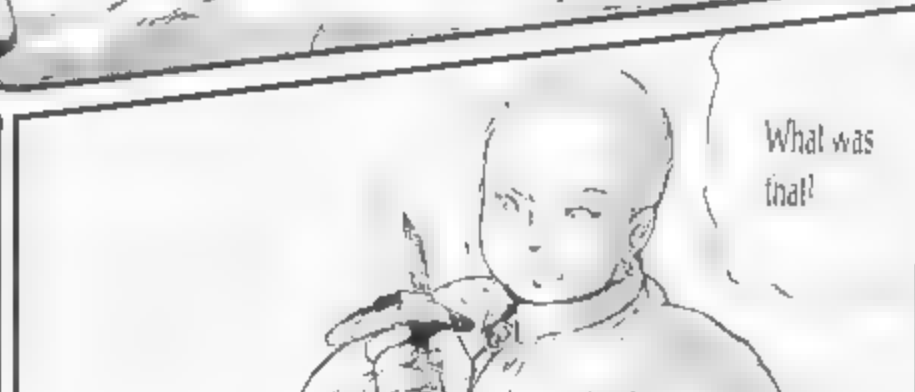


A Vacuum Roll!!



Whoaa!







Your Majesty!!



It's already begun... All we can do now is watch



Harris! And Lady Ik...



Mismas Saol.rena!
Bakinnrakkan's
Ex-Sacred Empress?

Former Empress
Mismas!



What is most important
is to evaluate the
strength of your
opponent... However,
the more fearsome your
opponent, the better he is
able to hide his awesome
strength from you.

Listen, everyone.
When you draw
your sword against a
headliner... It
means only one
thing .. That you are
waging your life...



"The man against
whom no one in his
right mind would
ever draw his
sword" And
therefore obviously
no match for the
likes of you.

Never forget what
you have felt in your
encounters with the
most fearsome knight
of our age .. So that
you'll never again
foolishly draw your
swords against a
stronger opponent.



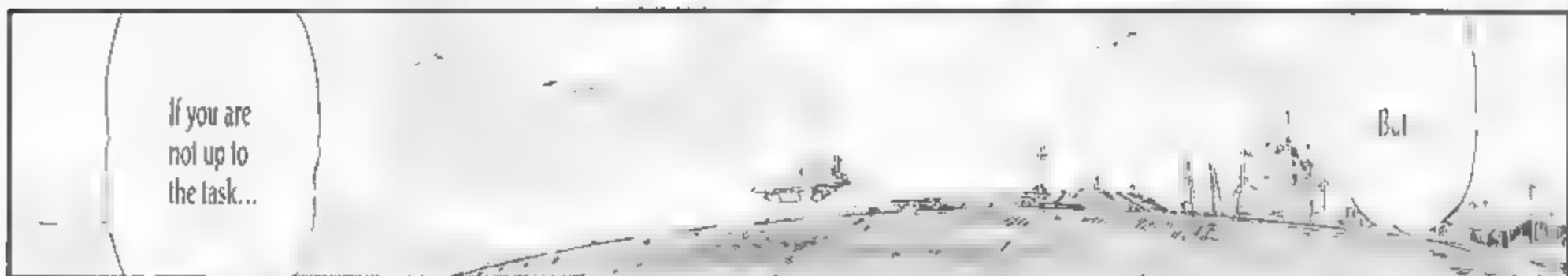
He produced a
sensory reaction that
neither of you have
ever experienced
before .. a reaction
that only two
headliners of your
caliber could sense.

You two should have
felt something. But
you drew your swords
without knowing
what you were doing.



If you manage to survive, the experience will greatly enhance your growth and maturity

And so, Christine V and Mamadoa Juzolta, draw your swords and do battle with this man, as if your lives depended on it.



If you are not up to the task...

But



I've made friends with some extraordinary senior citizens...

ジジジ...

It seems that once again...




I'll take both of you on at the same time... Get ready!

You realize what you're in for now, right girls?



You will pay with your lives!



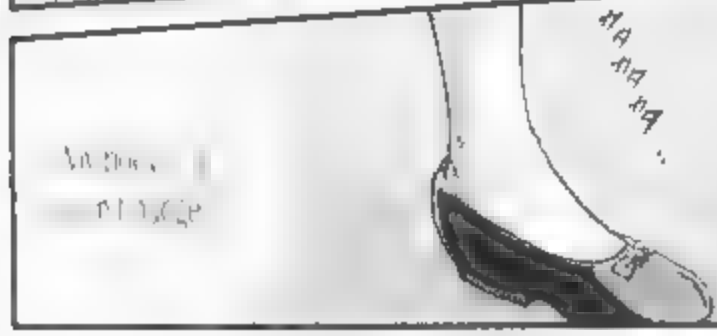
In my capacity as
Sword Sage of
Hathuha,
Dougulus Kaien..

And if you survive
what I have in store
for you... I'll bestow
upon you the title of
super master!



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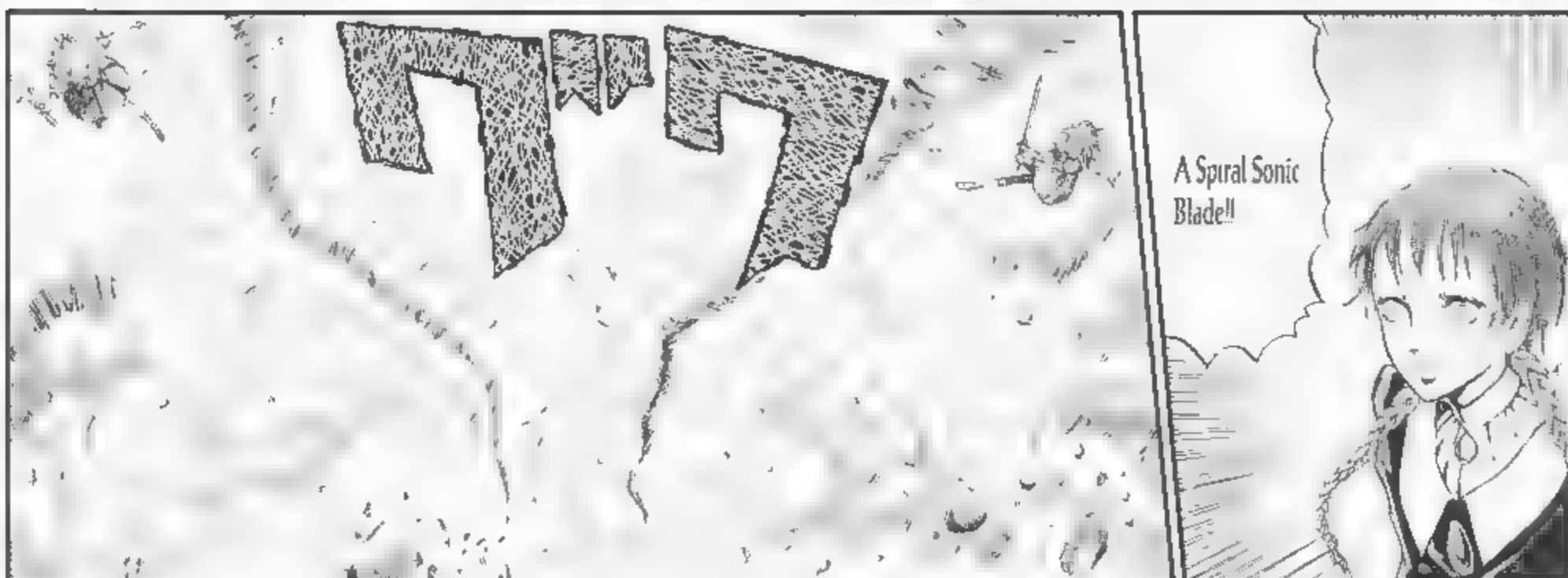
've never seen
such a thirst for
blood



HA HA HA

Can't... move .





Don't
waste your
breath!



Outstanding! At
least one of the
two should be able
to survive!!



I said both of
you at the
same time...



!!

!!



At least that's
what I thought
I said..







How's it going, kid? You've grown up, I see...

It's been a long time, my great mentor!

Right away

Machi, Chandanna! What are you waiting for... quickly!

Chris!!

Master!

Oh my god! What has he done to you, Juzotta!

Well, well... Look who's here...

As you can see... we both survived!

Don't worry. Jaquous and I went through the same ordeal...

Oh no! That creamy, soft skin... Juzotta!

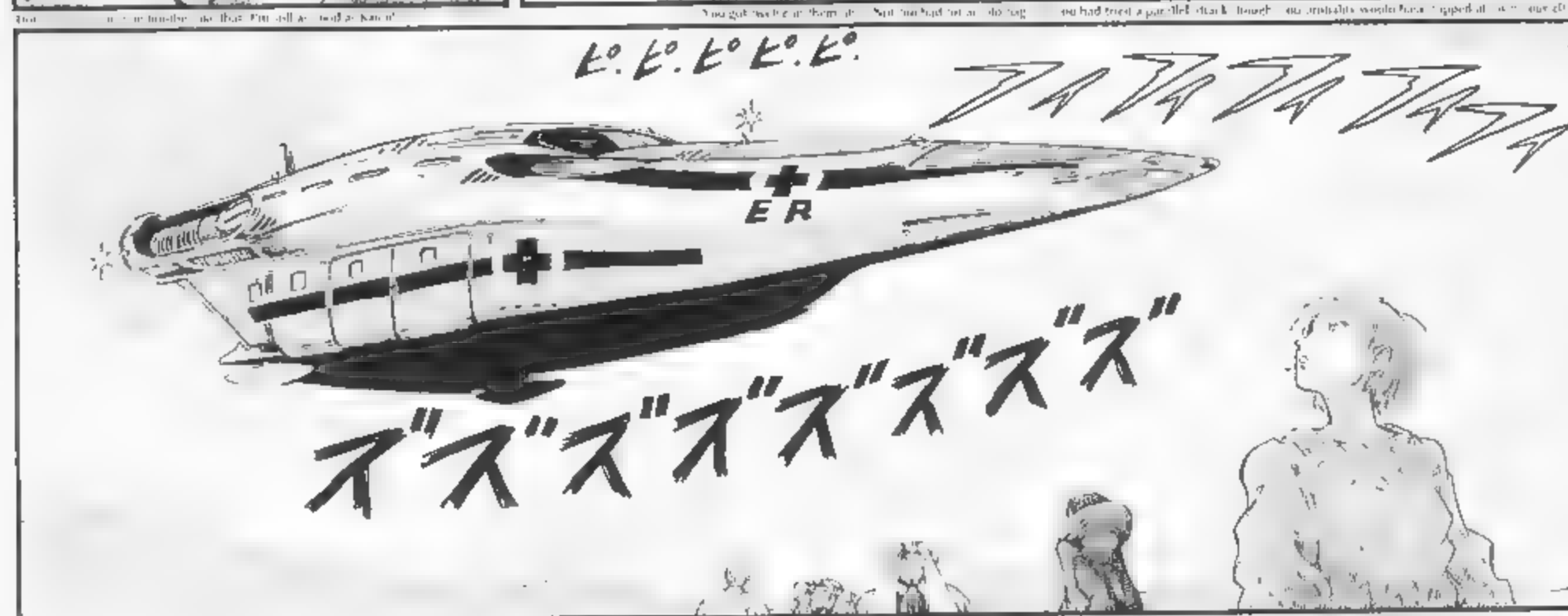
Why don't you start acting your age for a change? You tried to help that girl before... Sending an Arcanna Knight to nab her without the Emperor's permission... Now this...

Taking on Fillmore's top headliner and Sir Harris like that! What if you had been injured?

"Look who's here!" What are you talking about!!

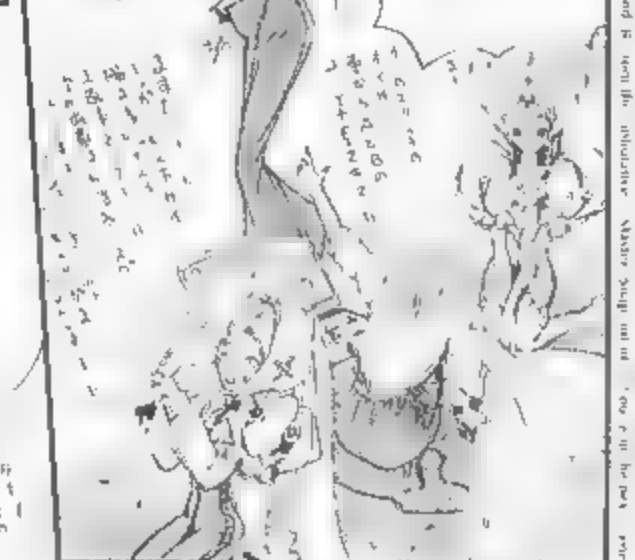
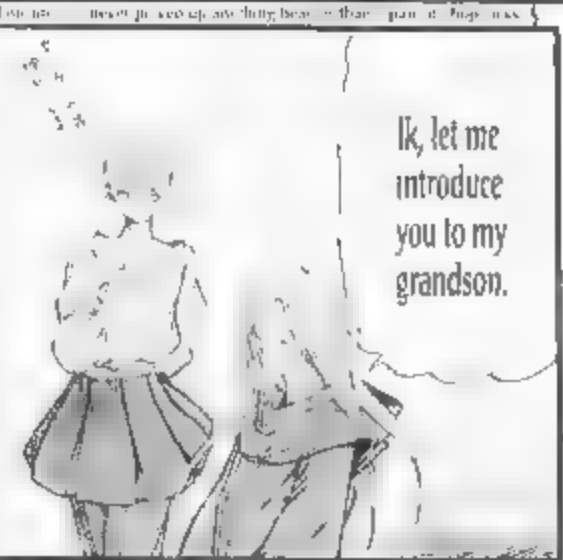
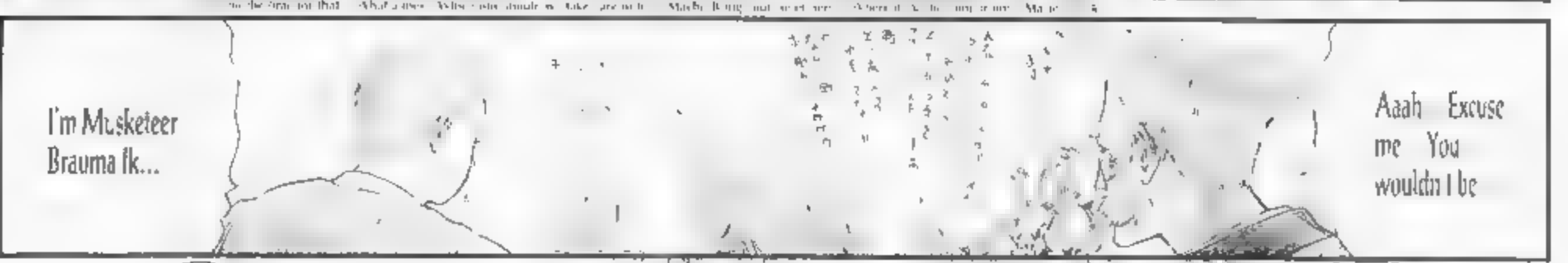
No problem... Kaen would have come to the rescue

I don't want to mention it, grandma, but aren't you a little old for this kind of thing? If that ring slicer backfired... You'd be saying more than "ouch!" right now!



Just in time! Thank goodness she's a friend of Mrs. Cyan!

It's Dr. Corks



I'm not sure which
is my first name
and which is my
last, however...



So you're
Brauma Ik! We
finally meet...
I'm Dai Gu.

This is Nio Hathler,
now serving as knight
of the Dai Gu Fillmore
family. You may not
know that she has
been trained by my
grandmother



There is no need to worry.
I'm well aware of the fears
harbored by you and the
rest of the Kneue Syltiss
corps. I will also do my best
as a Highlander to obey the
wishes of Emperor Lader.

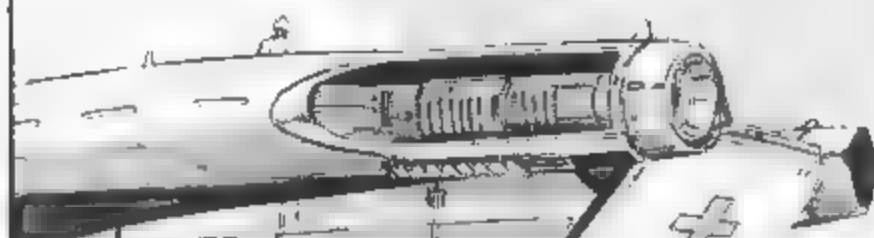
Bakinnrakkan used to be a territory
under the Fillmore Empire... That is why
today Fillmore still has holdings there
and the Dai Gu's are a Fillmore royal
family originating from Bakinnrakkan...

Tsk!!
Grammaaa...

It's going to be
lonely around
here with you
and Nio way off
in Fillmore.

Waaaah!

We don't
have to go!
Let's stay
here with
them...



The Arcanna
Knights will be
put under your
command.

Hietsai has agreed
that König and N.o
will be assigned to my
Prominence, and that
Tryton and Canzian
will be assigned to
Chris' Neptune.

As you
wish, Your
Majesty...



You should have gone home, Lader.

Here is the straighten your belt.

One hundred thousand years ago, Emperor
Monsorong of Unzdebuut discovered a star burst in
the center of the Crown System said to be the
entryway into the other side of time.

Then the Blazing Empress, ruler of the A.D. age,
found during experiments into the biological structure
that would produce headdliners that the entryway's
location was written on the surface of the basic matter
configuration of all living beings.

After discovering the Empress' message in the blood of
A.D. Empire Chevalier Nakkandrah Swans, Duke
Arsenic of the Fates Principality decided to entrust
infinite time to an artificial life form.

On board the small inter-dimensional craft, The
Shikuron, an infinite life form by the name Optical
Tai Phone with circular DNA rests in animated space.

She is a silent flawless fatima.

She waits for a reader on the other side of Infinity.
There is still no reader who can sign
his name to the last page.

The manuscript containing the complete
record of the universe.

A gift to those who have yet to lose their curiosity and
desire for adventure.

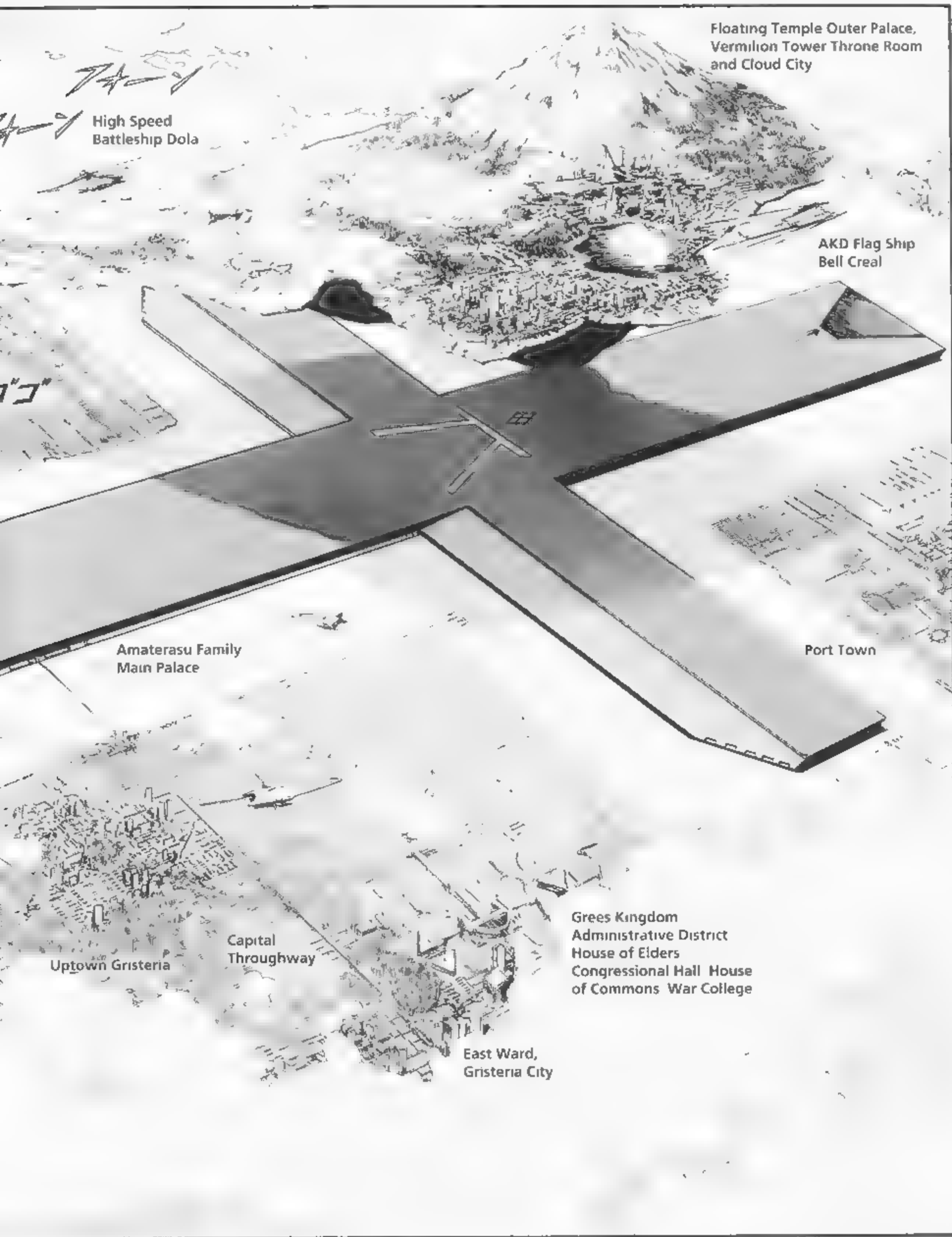
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Prologue: Delta Belun J.C. 3007



Floating Temple Outer Palace,
Vermilion Tower Throne Room
and Cloud City

High Speed
Battleship Dola

AKD Flag Ship
Bell Creal

Amaterasu Family
Main Palace

Port Town

Uptown Gristeria

Capital
Throughway

Grees Kingdom
Administrative District
House of Elders
Congressional Hall House
of Commons War College

East Ward,
Gristeria City

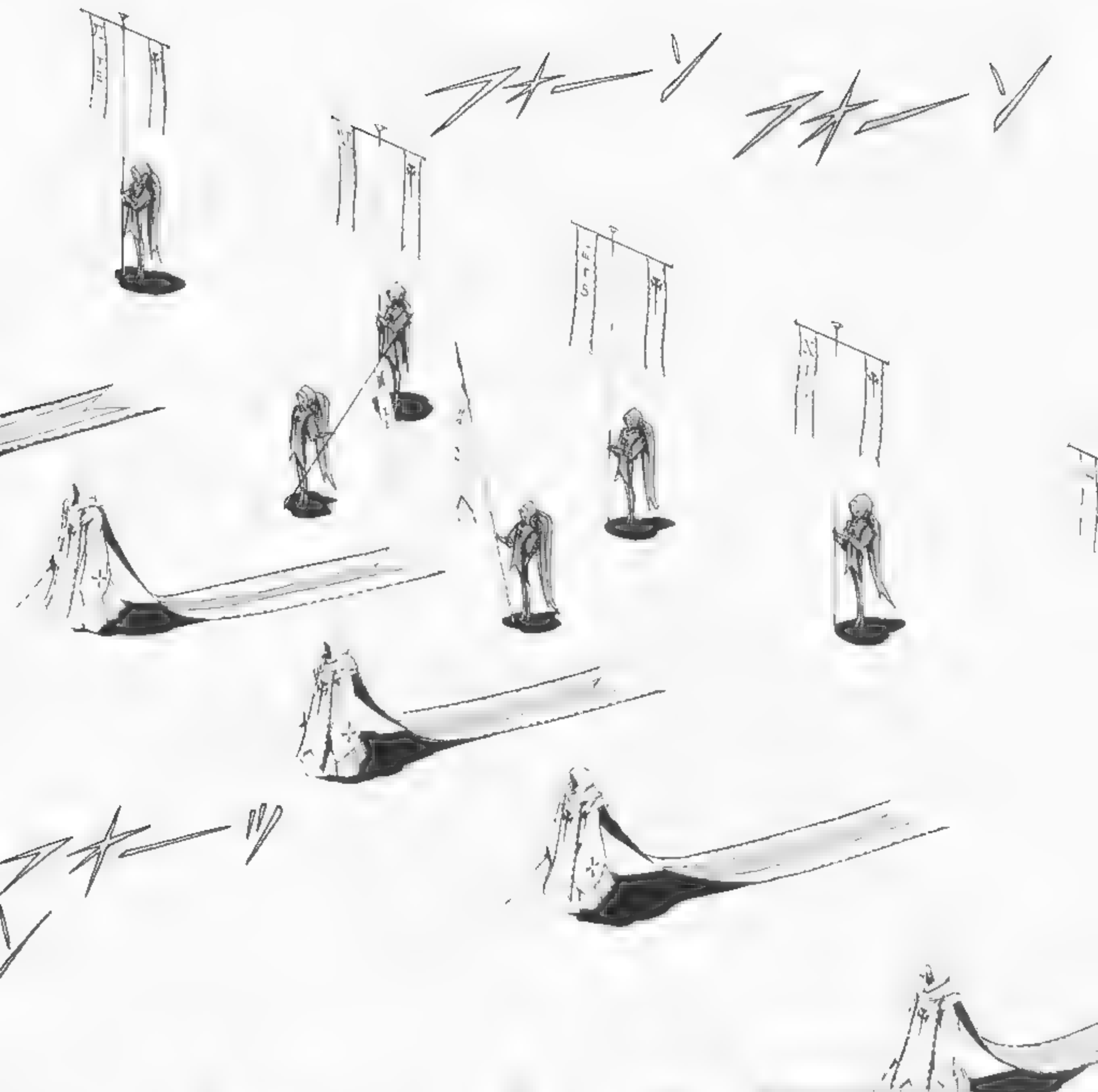
The AKD Planetary Capital, Gristeria, Kingdom of Grees

Main Inner Palace of the Amaterasu Family located in the center of the Kingdom of Grees on Delta Belun, a huge imperial complex some 9.7 km in length. The surrounding city and government offices, including the AKD legislature stand like miniature toys in comparison. It is a colossus symbolizing the unbelievably vast power and wealth of its residents, the rulers of a despotism that has existed for over 2000 years. At present, almost all the Amaterasu family members have moved their residents and operations onto the Floating Temple Outer Palace including the organizations through which they rule the Kingdom Demesnes.

Downtown Gristeria

Palace Entryway

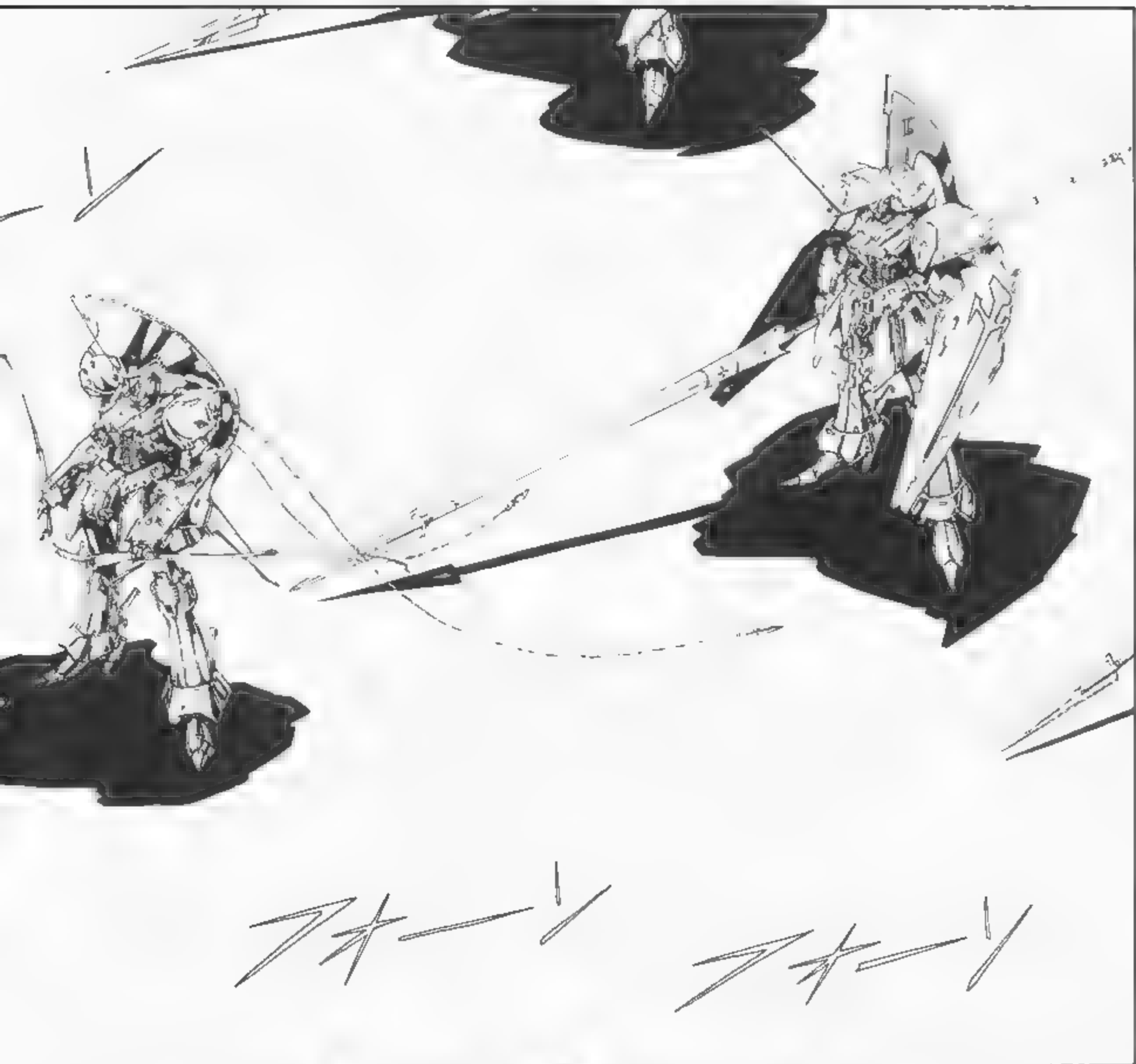
It is J.C. 3007 in the Inner Palace, decorated lavishly to commemorate the founding of the Family 4400 years ago. In the sky 500 meters above the Palace, hovers the Galaxy's most advanced scientific achievement to date, the island of Patraqushie, which used to float in the sea off the coast of Grees. Today, as part of the celebration, a ceremony is being held to crown Aisha Codante as the queen of the kingdom of Roumer, one of the ten AKD eastern principalities.



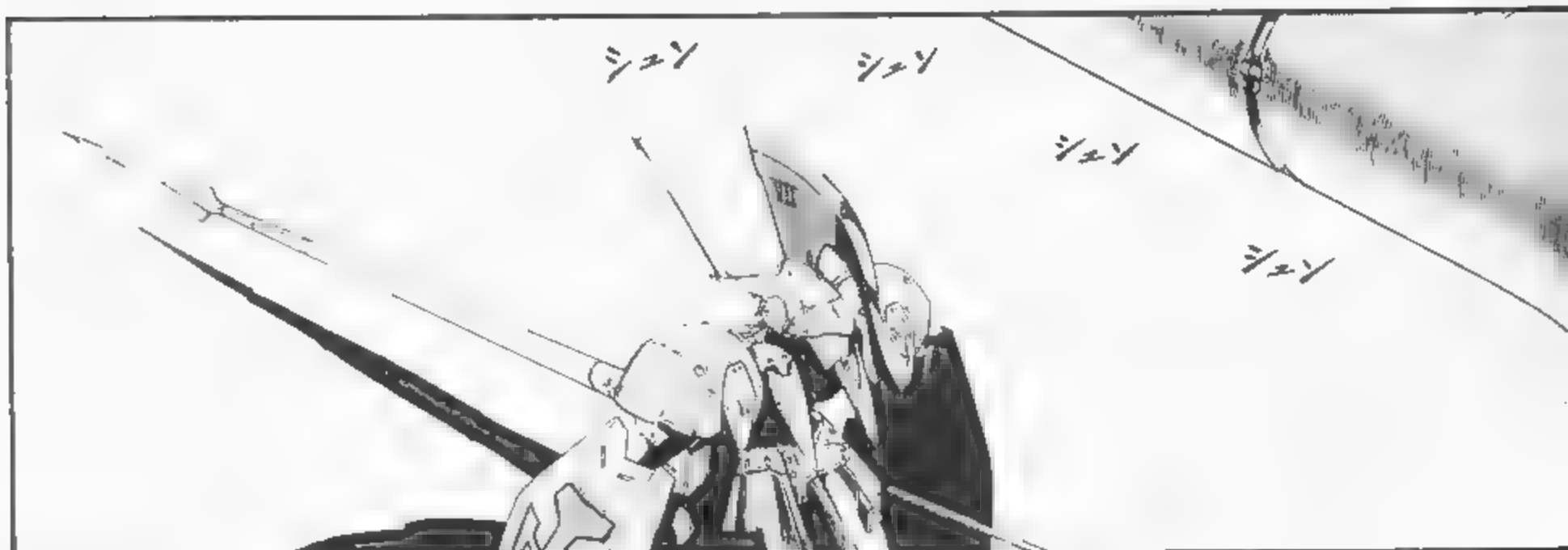








On the same day, the mortar headds of the Mirage Corps are be put on public display for the first time. The Knight of Gold in its aureate splendor along with the hollowed-out armor of the ghoulish LED Mirage, which is destined to become the Galaxy's worst nightmare.



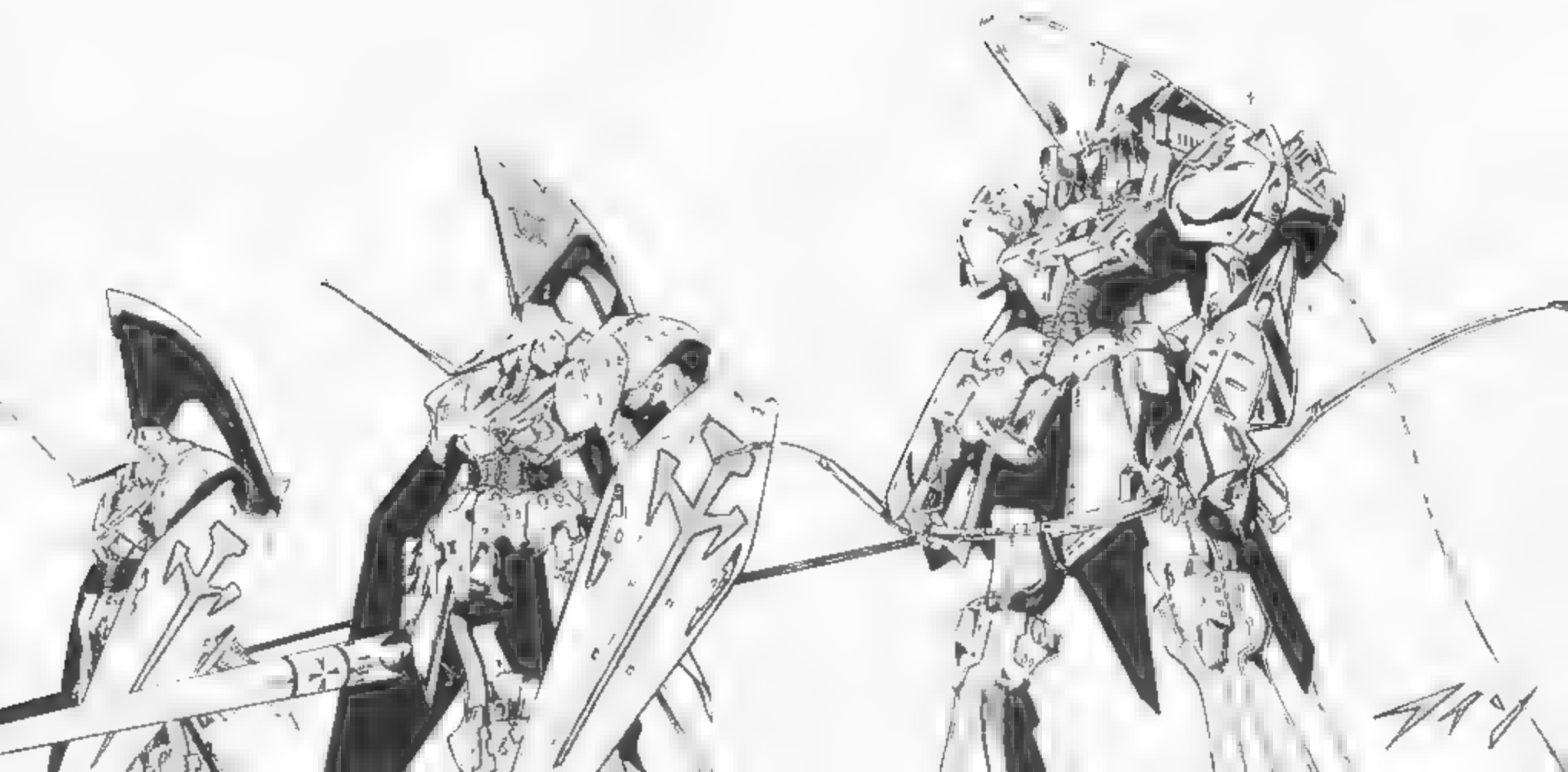


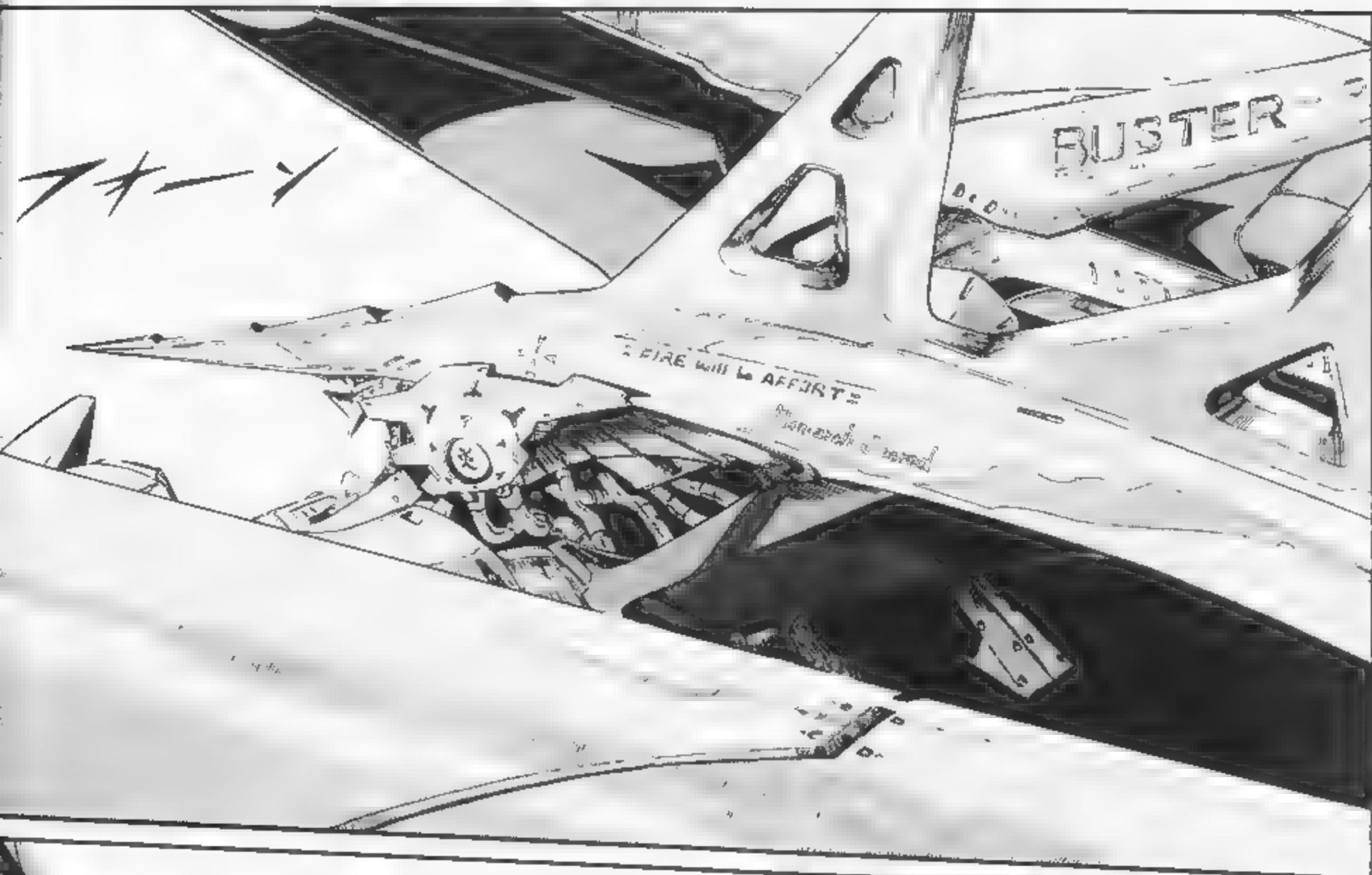
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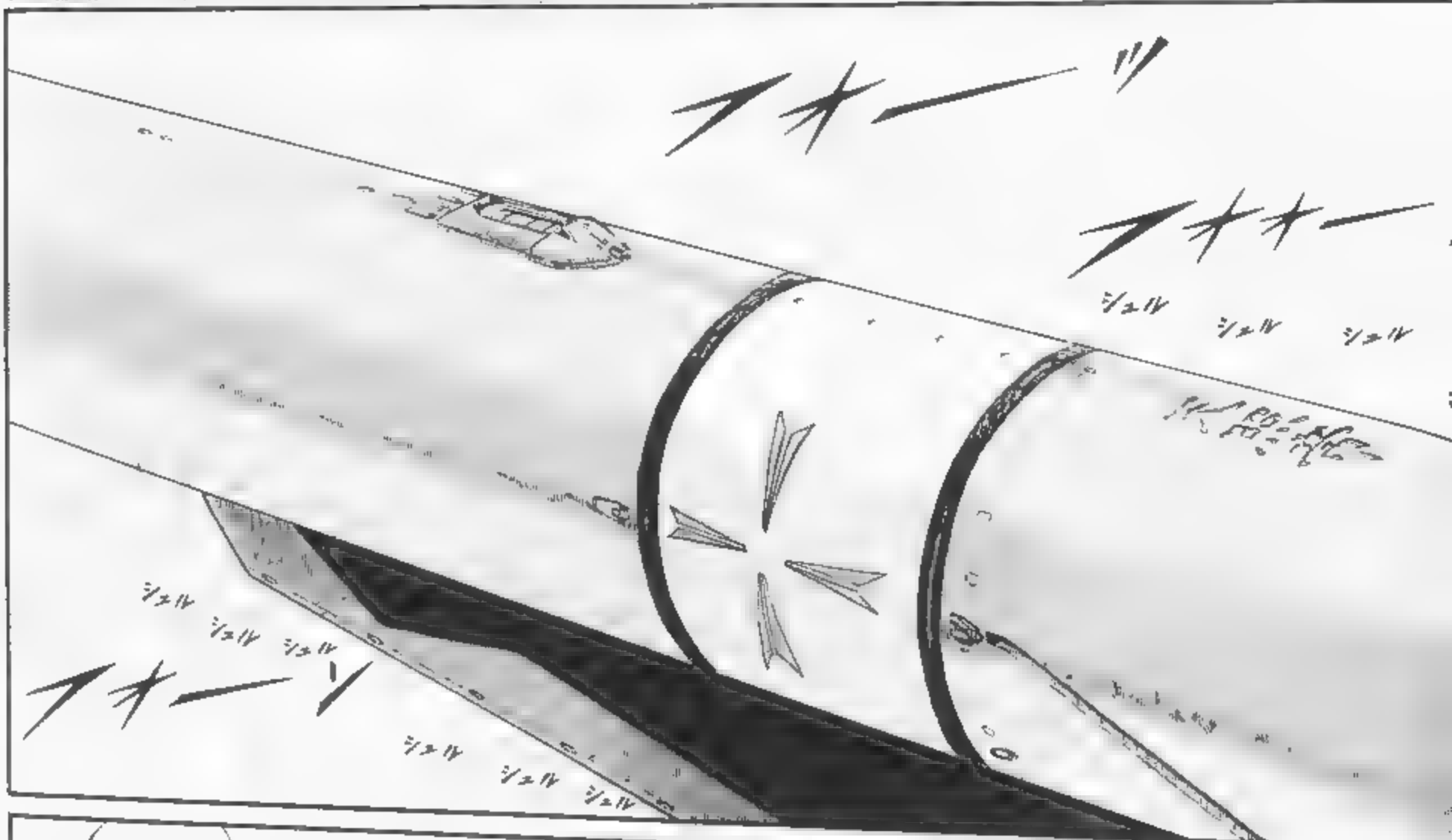
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Izumio Astro City, a mobile space city-state,
traveling in the vicinity of Planet Karmanto
in the Third Solar System

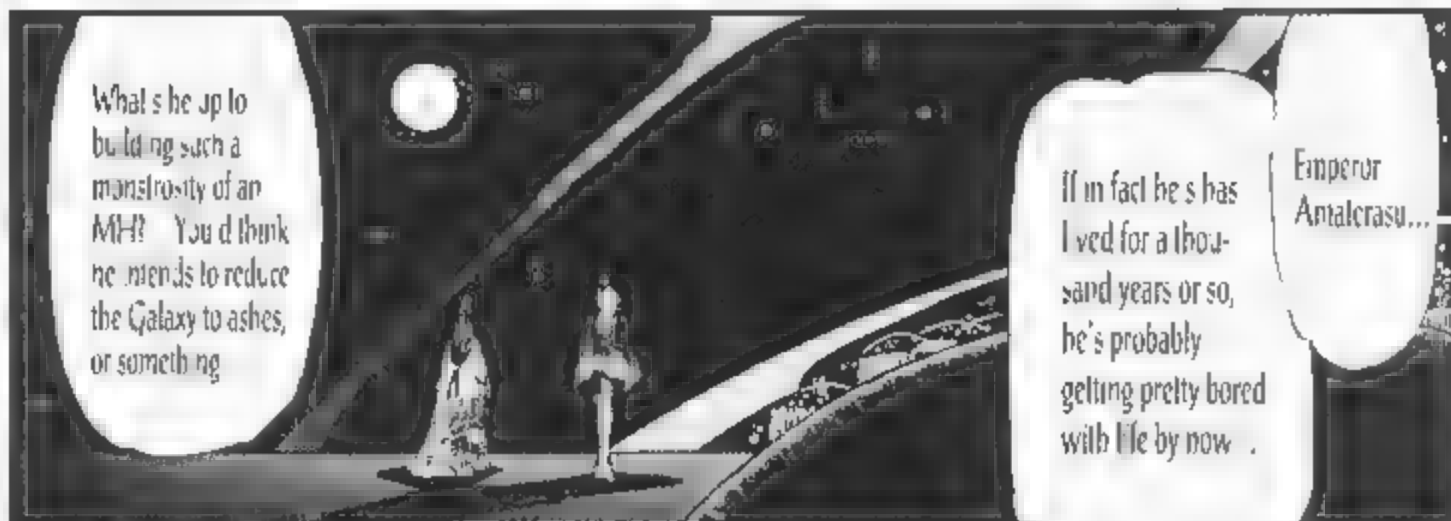


It was Tai Phone who
saved me in animated
space when our ship
filled with impoverished
colonists was wrecked
and sucked into a neu-
tron planet...

What's he up to
building such a
monstrosity of an
MH? You'd think
he intends to reduce
the Galaxy to ashes,
or something

If in fact he's has
lived for a thou-
sand years or so,
he's probably
getting pretty bored
with life by now...

Emperor
Amalerasu...



Optical Tai
Phone .. and ..

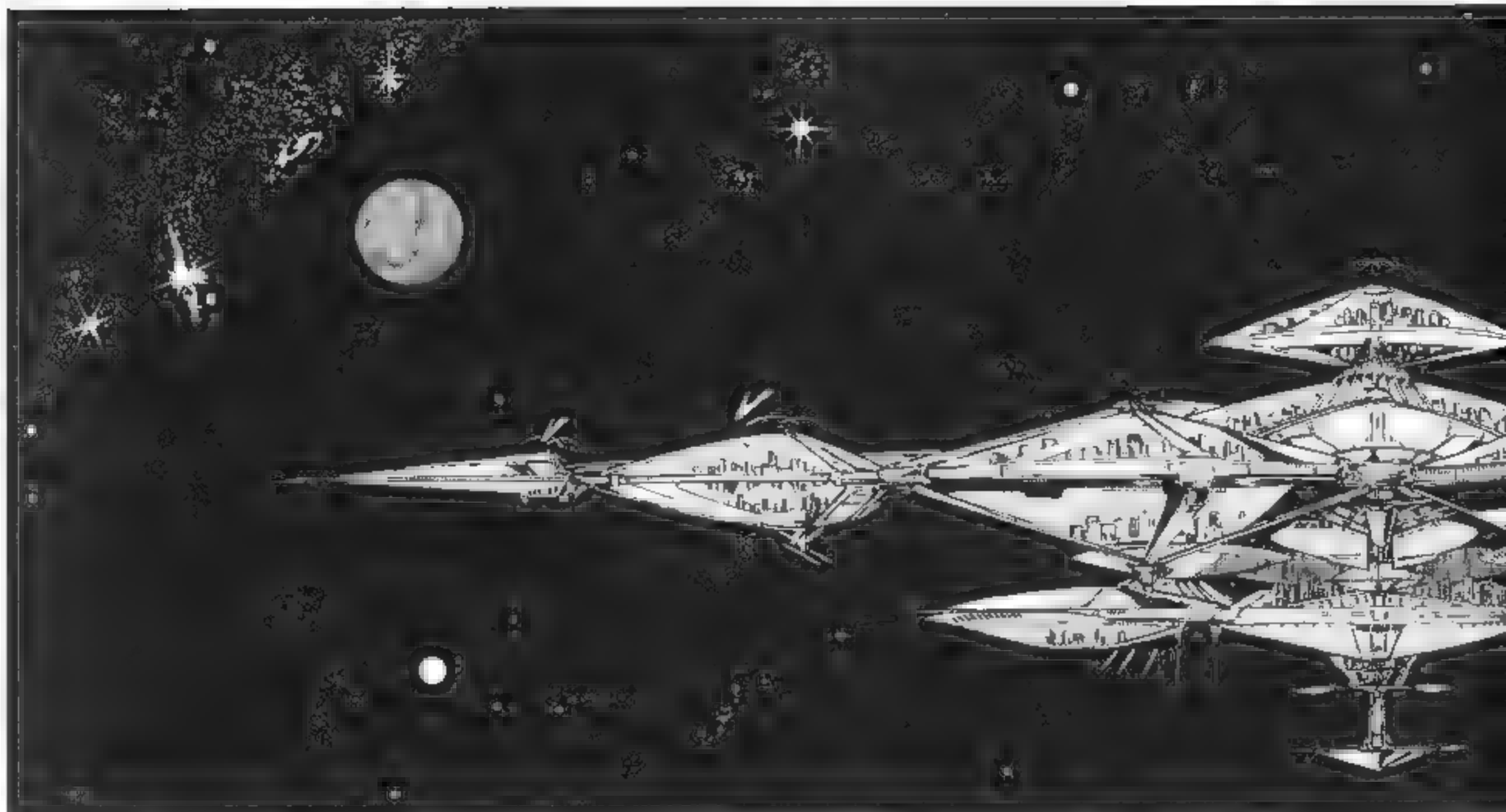


Is he going to tread
the same path as
Mongsorong and
the Blazing Empress?
That mark...!!

"Master is a
headliner with the
blood of a Twin
Meight... Tai Phone
reacted because you
are special..."

Monarch Sacred...
The holy manuscript
no doubt sought by
anyone who desires
to rule the world.





I'd bet you'd like to see a war with the gods, wouldn't you Queen?

However, if we Jokerians choose to challenge the God of Light in battle, I will get to see both the Majestic Stand and the Little Girl of Sleep, the beginning and end of the game.

If Amaterasu brings the Galaxy under his control, so be it... It is the will of Providence... Nothing anyone can do about it.

Even though I was only a weak commoner, I discovered the most important existence in the Universe.

Come to think of it, isn't today the day that the visitors from the Full Fragile are due to depart?

I will join hands with Full Fragile of the next generation, Defense Stand of the one after that, as well as the future knights of the Reign of Rondo to form an oasis for the sake of human propensities and pride

The Earth Dragon was waiting for the opportunity to send me to you, Master. The one who knows about it.

Not even
Amaterasu's
Mirage Corps...

I've taught you
everything I know
about swordsmanship... You have
nothing to fear
over there.

And don't forget to
express my gratitude
to Dr. Diamond and
the Mayor for treating
vagabonds like us as
honored guests in
their home.

Lady Arr in
Harricone's Engage,
a mortar headd
called "divine" by
many...

Vagabonds...
Brandishing the
sword heritage of
the first sword sage
Swans and Optical
Tai Phone's
Harricone...

Ready
to go!

But if we do meet, be
on your guard...
Hesitate and you will
be devoured by my
"Breakdown Typhoon"!

That's not
important! We may
do battle together
as reserves or in the
field as enemies.
Who knows?



Now go! Majole
Lebenheite, my
pupil... Go and tear
the Galaxy apart with
the swordsmanship
of Rondo!!

To be continued....

JC 3230	Amaterasu requests the countries of Kallamity Godarce to join the AKD, but following the lead of the Elmore Empire, which boasts the planet's longest and most illustrious history they ignore the request	Grand Sydmian is killed by a Mirage Knight while trying to escape Amaterasu establishes the Union of Galactic Kingdoms Atropos teams up with Mirage Knight headliner Upandla Raymu	Amaterasu returns to Colus VI the sword he received from Colus III, signifying Colus VI as the true heir to the Colus dynasty. The citizens of Delta Belun leave the planet along with the Mirage Knights in The Wild, in search of Lachesis. The "god of aghl" has failed them
JC 3234	Amaterasu launches a military invasion of Kallamity Godarce, but is met with strong resistance by a united defense force that has thoroughly studied his military strategy and tactical procedures	JC 3967 Amaterasu entrusts all of his authority to his cat's paw, Upandla Raymu, a fatima created by Dr. Bulanche and retires into seclusion. At the same time, F.U. Rogner and the other Mirage Knights are captured and sealed	JC 4101 Colus VI liberates the Galaxy
JC 3238	The Mirage Knights join the invasion of Kallamity Godarce as the war boils down	JC 3968 empress Runka, a remnant of the Colus Dynasty's Meister family, gives birth to Daizina, then dies at the hand of Amaterasu. Daizina disappears.	JC 4103 Colus VI marries Daizina
JC 3239	Slant approaches Kallamity, which experiences violent upheavals in the planet's crust and chaotic magnetic fluctuations. Rescue and emigration from Kallamity is stepped up. Amaterasu boards the Knight of Gold and leads the entire Mirage Knight corps in an all-out attack on the Elmore Empire. It is the last action anyone will take on this planet doomed to destruction by the approach of Slant. During the attack, KOC stalls on a shoal while crossing Lake Nnibidoug, and just before Kallamity explodes, Amaterasu is ejected to safety, leaving the MLI and Lachesis stranded on the Lake. In order to lessen the shock from the impending volcanic explosion, KOC uses the buster launcher to dig a 5000 kilometer crater in the planet's crust and drops a shock resistant gelatin bomb into the Lake. However, nothing can save Lachesis from the explosion, as she and KOC are blown somewhere out on the dimensional ether.	JC 3998 Amaterasu becomes deeply concerned over his aging fatimas and puts them to sleep. Galaxy MI-1s continue to switch over to the non-humanoid Ecloramuru fatimas, and humanoid fatimas rarely appear in public. The headliner population is also decreasing. In a galaxy controlled by a single, oppressive ruler Upandla, the number of mortar headds is also on the decrease, becoming superannuated and decrepit. This year marks the beginning of Upandla's reign of terror	JC 4255 Colus VI passes away at the age of 295
JC 3330	The Battle of Kallamity is spectacularly concluded, and survivors from the defeated Kallamity forces move to the Planet of Graves, where they commence anti-Amaterasu resistance activities	JC 4044 Daizina Meister finds her way to Kastenpo on Both	JC 4300 The mortar headds gradually fall into dissipation. The headliners also gradually disappear, some taking their fatimas with them, some alone. The era of war and destruction goes on, as the world continues its regression towards the primeval
JC 3333	Amaterasu, upon consent from the only non-AKD planet, Iuno, is enthroned as emperor of the Joker Galaxy	JC 4050 Daizina Meister meets Colus VI, who is working for the anti-Amaterasu resistance in Kastenpo.	[The Era of the The Will Galaxy]*
JC 3345	The LED Dragon awakens	JC 4061 After wandering aimlessly throughout the Galaxy, Colus VI is awakened to his headliner heritage after being shown the mortar headds that have been mustered for the resistance	JC 5899 On an unknown planet, the Knight of Gold is transformed into a meteorite and crashes.
JC 3400-3900	Mortar headlini manufacture is slowed by natural resource scarcity. The leader of Iuno, King Colus V, begins a large scale program to improve his country's MLI force led by the Berlins. Because the outcome of any battle is invariably decided by a clash of MLI's, the anti-Amaterasu resistance forces scattered throughout the Galaxy assist in his efforts	JC 4062 Colus begins training for combat, and the many knights he meets seem also to be descendants of his ancestors' generations of headliners.	JC 6599 Lachesis awakens and with the Knight of Gold joins a space war with another civilization. In the aftermath, uncontrollable bursts of energy from KOC hurl them again and again into time gaps and lost abysses.
JC 3910	The knights of the anti-Amaterasu resistance gather on Iuno. Amaterasu reveals plans to conquer Iuno.	JC 4075 lunchoon and Clotho are discovered, but Clotho remains sealed and will not awaken	JC 6787 In one planetary war, Lachesis is unable to activate the Knight of Gold, so this incomparable fatima fates commandeers a local cyborg weapon, called an Imperian, to continue the fight
JC 3952	Amaterasu launches his last expeditionary invasion and heads for Iuno. A messenger is dispatched from Both to Amaterasu. It is Atropos.	JC 4076 Colus VI meets Wey Rouath, possibly another headliner descendant.	JC 6800 Amaterasu builds the MLI Goal Mirage, also known as Magdal Chivalnes.
JC 3960	The heir apparent to the Colus Dynasty, Colus VI, escapes to Both with the help of Alenta, princess of Balaraka. The three royal families of the Colus Dynasty disband and scatter to the four corners of the Galaxy. The Black Knight Grand Sydmian, in the employ of the Colus Dynasty, conceals lunchoon and Clotho deep in the thick forests of the continent of Borrisoon	JC 4080 Civil war breaks out on Iuno, and Colus VI takes command of the anti-Amaterasu resistance forces in the conflict	JC 6850 Amaterasu and Lachesis, each on their own, travel from planet to universe encountering new human species and life forms
		JC 4082 An Amaterasu mortar headlini, Wunderschatze, defects to Colus' side	JC 7199 Lachesis lands on a mechanized planet and repairs the Knight of Gold.
		JC 4088 Headliners and fatimas who have been hiding throughout the Galaxy flock to Colus' side	JC 7281 Amaterasu converses with the Obelisk Monument, which seems to contain a memory of people from the Joker Galaxy.
		JC 4090 Colus liberates Both. After the devastation of AKD forces invading Kastenpo by an LED Dragon inferno, the Upandla regime gradually loses control of the situation, marking the decline and fall of the AKD, but Amaterasu refuses to step in	JC 7543 Lachesis suddenly finds herself on Earth, in Poland during January 1945. She hides the Knight of Gold in the Baltic Sea and goes to fight in the Battle of Berlin. On 7 May she leaves the Division Nordlandier for France, then returns to the Baltic Sea and falls asleep
		JC 4093 Civil war breaks out on Delta Belun.	JC 7451 Lachesis awakens in the Earth year of 2187 and returns to Space
		JC 4100 The Floating Temple, the symbol of the AKD, is destroyed. Colus' lunchoon and Upandla's Knight of Gold engage on the battlefield. Two tales hurry to the fray... Delta Belun is consumed in the quasar inferno of the LED Dragon	JC 7563 Lachesis transcends time to appear in the Joker Galaxy in JC 2043. She meets the 23 year old prince of Grees, Amaterasu. After planting a memory of their encounter, she leaves the Galaxy
			JC 7777 Lachesis and Amaterasu are reunited on the emerald planet of Fortune and are married. They bear a daughter, Kallen, and the human species begins a new phase in its evolution

*Time in the The Will era is measured in the years actually passed by Amaterasu, but in Joker time it is 5,070,000,000 years in length

Chronology

(Last Millennia of the AD Era)

- AD 4000** Juno is discovered. Roth is reclaimed and colonized. An alliance of imperial families founds the super-empire Farus Die Kannarn.
- AD 5000** Reign of the "Blazing Empress." The Galaxy establishes all disciplines of pure science. The rise of intimidating warriors and powerful wizards. Invention of the most destructive weapon known to man, the buster launcher.
- AD 6000** Height of interstellar exploration. Continuous intergalactic wars cause such devastation to existing races and cultures that the human species becomes incapable of retaining its historical legacy in fact.
- AD 8000** A geophysical world of four solar systems begins to take form. Reclamation of planets take place on a galactic scale, as the deserts of Addler and Pestako, the closest planet to its sun, are made inhabitable.
- AD 9000** Interstellar exploration reaches an impasse, and space adventurers return to their home planets. The influence of Farus Die Kannarn wanes, as new independent states rise. Buster control technology is perfected. Popularization of the external combustion "ex-lazer" engine, a technical spin-off from buster launcher know-how.

(The Joker Millennia)*

- JC 0001** Stabilization is achieved on the planets of the Galaxy's four solar systems, as interplanetary diplomatic agreements are negotiated and enacted, marking the beginning of the Joker Era. At this point in time, however, human civilization reaches its pinnacle and begins its descent. The Joker Galaxy enters an era of senescence and decline. A civilization that once advanced into the outer reaches of the universe experimented with speeds exceeding light and sought existence beyond the three dimensions is slowing down. The human race is now in a process of reverse evolution. From this point on, there will be no sign of significant historical change even in millennial terms.
- JC 0980** Birth of the mortar head, a battle machine modeled after the human anatomy and designed in the artistic style of science and engineering.
- JC 2020** In the Kingdom of Qrees on eastern Delta Belun, the second planet in the Eastern Solar System, the albino Amaterasu Dis Grand Qrees Eydas IV is born and destined to become the kingdom's 84th monarch.
- JC 2026** Scientific genius Uranium Balance publishes his research on organic humanoid computer systems.
- JC 2040** Emperor Amaterasu uses his exquisite beauty and charm along with his superior intellect to gain unwavering support from the people of Delta Belun's eastern bloc of countries.
- JC 2087** Amaterasu and Litra are married. Litra will die childless at the young age of 130, equivalent to 25 years of age in earthly time. On the average humans of the Joker Galaxy live to the age of around 300.

- JC 2135** Amaterasu makes improvements in the ex-lazer external combustion engine used throughout the Galaxy to generate heavy energy.
- JC 2200** The beginning of a century of frequent international disputes and military aggression, promoted in part by the mortar head's ability to minimize casualties and destruction of property in the process of territorial expansion.
- JC 2310** A data processor greatly improving the control of mortar fire is developed by the mad scientist Lithium Balance. It is called the "faluma," an artificial life-form physiologically identical to human beings.
- JC 2324** Amaterasu is enthroned as the ruler of Qrees at the age of 304. Over a thirty-year period he has contributed much to the cause of international peace among the countries of Delta Belun.
- JC 2397** Despite his 377 years, Amaterasu has remarkably not aged significantly since reaching adulthood.
- JC 2400-** Amaterasu's Eastern Solar System and the Northern Solar System, which is ruled by large and powerful countries, attain a state of relatively peaceful coexistence, while the smaller countries scattered throughout the Southern and Western Solar Systems remain in political turmoil. It is a time of mass production of both mortar heads and falumas.
- JC 2629** Amaterasu makes the acquaintance of the scientific genius Chrome Balanche.
- JC 2810** Amaterasu spends ten years recruiting a corps of superior headliners to act as his imperial guard and names them the Mirage Knights.
- JC 2813** Amaterasu's imperial guards are organized into an order of knights known as the First Eastern Mirage Corps, which is given command of the all the imperial armed forces, and charged with employing their mortar heads in quelling international military incidents.
- JC 2875** Amaterasu unites the ten eastern countries surrounding the Kingdom of Qrees. Similarly, in the Southern Solar System, Colus II, ruler of the super power on the planet Juno forms the kingdoms on his borders into the Colus Dynasty. Colus III is born.
- JC 2878** Amaterasu is appointed planetary president of Delta Belun.
- JC 2899** Amaterasu unites Delta Belun into an organization called Amaterasu Kingdom Demesnes (hereafter AKD). The report of this action is greeted with surprise and apprehension throughout the Galaxy. Dr. Balanche completes the AKD flagship battle cruiser Bell Creul.
- JC 2900-** A scarcity of natural resources in the Galaxy reaches critical proportion, and some synthetic materials that have existed for thousands of years begin to transform or deteriorate. Kallamity Gadarce, the second planet in the Northern Solar System, begins to transform under the influence of its own planetary reclamation activities. Amaterasu is 880 years old.
- JC 2955** Completion of Amaterasu's airborne palace, the

Floating Temple, an island 2.5 kilometers across hovering 3000 meters in the atmosphere above the planet.

- JC 2987** One of the Galaxy's most authoritative scientists, Dr. Balanche, decides that a faluma debut will not be held for Atropos, one of his "three fates of destiny," and allows her to escape.
- JC 2988** Dr. Balanche's final two falumas, Lachesis and Clotho, come of age. Amaterasu acquires Lachesis, while Clotho is taken into the care of Juno's King Colus III.
- JC 2989** Three leading edge mortar heads, called LED Mirages, join the forces of the Colus Dynasty against neighboring aggressor, Hagooda. MHImeister Ladios Sopp is entrusted with the jeweled sword of the Colus Royal Family, and the royal family's MHI luncheon is sealed shut with Clotho inside.
- JC 2992-** Atropos begins 350 years of seclusion with an infant LED Dragon.
- JC 2994** Magdall and Depte are born in the Republic of Rathu in the Western Solar System.
- JC 3007** The LED Mirage fleet and Amaterasu's Knight of Gold are exhausted before the Galaxy Second phase of the Mirage Knights.
- JC 3009** Completion of the heavy MHI Jagd Mirage known as the "monster of the Mirage Knights" due to its dual buster cannon design.
- JC 3010** The "Majestic Stand" begins, and the Galaxy is thrown into greater political turbulence than it has ever experienced.
- JC 3079** Princess Magdall is crowned ruler of the Holy Led A-Toll Empire.
- JC 3159** Amaterasu suddenly launches a military attack on the Rent Republic of the neighboring planet of Addler.
- JC 3162** Addler is incorporated into the AKD and becomes Amaterasu's base of military operations, commanding a huge galactic expeditionary force.
- JC 3180** Amaterasu begins construction of the Galaxy's largest space vessel, The Wil.
- JC 3185** Construction of The Wil is completed, and enthusiasm is heightened among the people over galactic unification. Amaterasu is 1165 years old.
- JC 3199** Amaterasu launches an invasion of Roth in the Western Solar System. Many of the planet's residents welcome the invasion as the arrival of political stability to a chaotic situation that has continued since the beginning of the Majestic Stand, so Roth is quickly incorporated into the AKD. However, the region of Kastenpo on the continent of Gnann for some reason is able to retain its former status as a free and autonomous district, and only the Holy Led A-Toll Empire is granted sovereignty.
- JC 3225** The moving solar system of Stant with a 1500 year orbit approaches the Joker Galaxy, and it is predicted that Stant will increase the instability of Kallamity already caused by mineral resource reclamation.

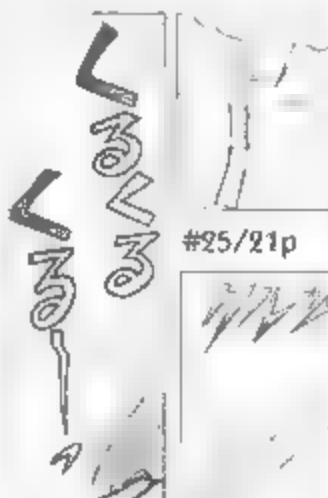
*Joker and Litra years are not synchronized because time progresses faster in the Joker Galaxy.

#25/25p



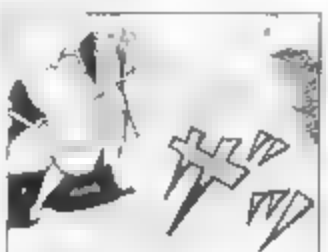
ビビビッ
Bih-bih-bih-biht
Electricity flowing through the air

#25/13p



くるくるくるー、クルッ
Kuhroo-kuhroo-kuhroo, Kuhroot
Sound of rotating or spinning.

#25/20p

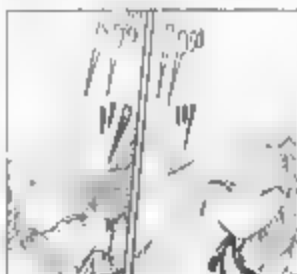


ザッ
Zaht
Kicking up sand or dirt while running

#25/13p



#25/16p



バツ
Baht
Quick, agile movement.

#25/09p



じゅるじゅる
Juhru-juhru
Sound of liquid dripping or flowing

#25/20p



パチッ
Pahchit
Sound of clashing metal clips, etc

#25/19p



#25/30p



#25/17p



プラーン
Poohraahn
Sound of a suspended object oscillating.

#25/09p



あばばばっ
Ahhbah-bah-baht
Throwing a tantrum or in a nervous panic.

#25/18p



#25/10p



ガタッ、ガタン
Gahlaht, gahlahn
(Dunt, Tungk)
Sound of the legs of a chair rattling on floor after the person seated rises

#25/25p



#25/26p



カタカタ、カクカク
Kahlah kahlah, Kahkuh-kahkuh
"My legs are shaky" and my knees are weak. I can't seem stand on my own two feet. All shook up."

#25/19p



アハハハハハ
AH-HA-HA-HA
(Bwa-Ha-Ha-Ha)
Boisterous, healthy laughter

#25/18p



ムカ
Mookah
Yuck! Derived from the Japanese expression for heartburn

#25/13p



ガキーン
Gahkeen
Also, Kahbeen. Squeeny cowering up with crowd behind her

#25/05p



#25/06p



ふっふっふっ
Fuh-fuh-fuh
(Ha-Ha-Ha)
A pensive laughter recalling no sorrow. Distant. Bitter. Mocking. Nervous. Mocking. Mocking.

#25/14p



#25/31p



ガミガミ
Gahmee-gahmee
Squeaky or rattling sound. Usually teachers and parents depicted in Japanese comics

#25/16p



ザワザワ
Zahwah-zahwah
Whispering-type hubbub

The following list is a sampling of the special effects appearing in this volume:

フィフィフィ
Fee-fee-fee-fee
I like you "teen (braagowwn).

7-1-1

フーン
Fhoun
(Rhhuuuumm)
Erging w. nd ng down

シュンシュン
Syun-syun
Release of pressurized steam or
vapour

כ"ד נ"ד נ"ד נ"ד

Go-go-go-go-go
Sound of space craft traveling at normal speed



ジジジ
Jih-ph-jih
Burning metal, cool liquid
spilled on overheated metal

ザー
Zaah
Waves splashing on a sandy beach

ブン
Bun
Sound of an object
cutting the air at
tremendous speed.

ずどどどど
Zuhdoh-duh-
doh-duh (Aiee)
Trumpling sound of
an attacking squad
of soldiers or a mob
Usually expressed by
war-cries in English

クオオオオオオ

グオオオオオオ
Guoohhh
Supersonic speed. Also a
burner at high flame.

ぐちゃつ
Guchacht (Splat)
Sound of an object rupturing
on impact

パキッ
Pahkih (Crash)
Sound of something breaking
instantaneously.

ボス
ボスボス
ボス
ボス

ボスボスボス
Bohsuh-bohsuh-
bohsuh
I heavy blows to the body

バカッ
Bahkhat (Crash, Doof)
An object violently bumping
into something, sharp y and
heavily Being purposely run
into by someone

グワ
Guhwhat
Heavy duty denim
suspender shirt
Key necklace

Outstanding Masterpiece of Other Meights

Meister	Name	Power gauge/Clearance/Type	Partner, etc
Lithium Balance (Diseased)	Focusight	C-B2-C-B2-B2 Flowless M type	Parent body destroyed
	Neeb	C-B2-C-B2-B2 Flowless M type	Parent body destroyed
	Solid State Logic	C-B2-C-B2-B2 Flowless M type	Maximum Holtfors Balance Kaien
	InterCity	C-B2-C-B2-B2 Flowless M type	Died 2992
	Diode	B1-B2-C-B1-B2 VVS2 M type	Green Netper
	Overheim	B1-B2-C-B1-B2 VVS1 S type	
Arsenic Balance (Diseased)	La, Hurricane	B2-B1-B1-B1-B1 VVS1 M type	Arr Fortissimo Melody
	La, Cyclon	A-B1-B1-B1-B1 VVS1 M type	Sayly Colus
	La, Monsoon	B1-B1-B1-B1-A VVS1 S type	Mallory Viewlard Huanrak
	Optical Tai Phone	----- : SF M type	Specially made, no P/Q rating
Morard Carbyte	Est	B1-A-A-A-B1/2A-3A-3A-3A 2A Flowless S type	Décors Weissmel
	Build	B1-A-B1-B1-A VVS1 S type	Wandam Harrer
	Ulicie	A-2A-B1-B1-A VVS1 S type	Died 1989
	Potar	A-2A-A-2A-B1 VVS2 S type	Died 2971
	Ijern	2A-2A-3A-A-2A None S type	!!!
	Tower	-----	Born 3100, Mirage Knight
Steel Koop	La, Kratoughma	B1-A-A-B1-A Flowless M type	Ena Dai Cu Fillmore
	Tendroth	B1-A-A-B1-A VVS2 M type	Abien Hietsai
	Relkut	A-2A-A-A-B2 VVS1 M type	Madora Mourai (aka Spark,
	Paracha	B2-B1-A-B2-B2 VVS2 S type	Blreno Kanzian
	Syucha	B2-B1-A-B2-B2 VVS2 S type	Died 2989
	Nalucha	B1-A-B1-B2-B2 VVS2 S type	Hard Grover
	Ninaris	A-B1-B1-B2-B2 VVS1 L type	Joe Jid Maloria
	Stoy	B1-A-B1-B2-B2 VVS2 S type	Nio Hathier
Prisen Corks	Kciappa	B1-B2-B2-B1-B1 VVS2 S type	Mishalu Ha Lonn
	Shealasta	A-B2-B1-B1-B1 VVS1 S type	In Prison Corks' custody
	Puula	B1-A-A-B1-B2 VVS2 S type	Bil Maessen
	Syndra	B1-A-A-B1-B1 VVS1 M type	Cyancy Galla
Iron (Diseased)	Concord	B2-A-B1-B2-B2 VVS2 M type	Depre Atol
Natrium Xing Sakurako	Kirihime	B2-B1-B1-B2-B2 VVS2 M type	Viorale Trylon
	Nijihime	B2-B1-B1-B2-B2 VVS2 M type	Forgels to wear pumps (Chosen Miss AKD)
	Corona	B1-B1-B2-B2-B2 VVS2 M type	Mikel Joy Gira
Zinc	Ochestra	B2-B2-B2-B1-B1 VVS1 S type	Ian König
	Obnside	B2-B2-B2-B1-B1 VVS1 S type	Brauma Ik
Meeth Silver Balanche	Della Belun	B2-B2-A-B1-B1 Flowless M type	Colus IV ~ Colus V ~ Colus VI
Diamond Neutral	Calliope 002	B1-B1-B2-B1-B2 VVS2 M type	Taizen Suzuka
Nitrogen (Diseased)	La Belda	B1-B1-B2-B1-B1 VVS2 M type	Kruk
	Neross	A-B1-B1-B1-B2 VVS1 M type	Dacknerd Se
Factory-made	Palsuet	B1-B2-B1-B1-B1 VS1 S type	In the Mirage Knight's custody
	Sarome	A-B1-B1-A-A VS1 S type	Princess Oliby Tightnaben (Kyoroki)

The Ballanche Masterpieces

No.	Name	Power gauge/Clearance/Type	Partner, etc.
01	Queen	2A-2A-A-3A-B1, VVS1 : M type	Dr. Diamond Neutral
02	Paltenon	3A-3A-3A-B2-D, VVS2 : M type	Dismantled
03	Vacant (Reserved to prolong Ballanche's life)		-----
04	Majer	2A-3A-2A-A-2A, VVS1 : S type	Amaterasu dis. Greens Ooe Ikaruga (LED)
05	Chandanna	A-2A-A-B2-B1, VVS1 : S-M type	Erniuth Dai Cu Fillmore V
06	Vin-Tin	B-2A-A-B2-B1, VVS1 : S type	Iaquous Quo'n Hash
07	Ealla	A-2A-2A-A-B1, Flowless : M type	Falk U. Rogner
08	Odette	A-A-A-B2-B1, VVS2 : M type	Qiother Danzich
09	Aurora	A-A-A-B2-B1 : VVS2 : M type	Mamadoa Juzotta
10	Ciselle	A-A-A-B2-B1 : VVS2 : M type	Naras Brunhilde
11	Bucslual	D-3A-3A-D2-E, None : M type	Specially made for the AKD to test MHs
12	Daimon	A-A-A-B2-B2, VVS2 : M-L type	Samo Kau
13	VillerSchasse	D-2A-2A-C-A, None : L type	Specially made for the AKD to test MHs
14	Toki	A-A-A-A-A, VVS1 : L type	Aro Rane
15	Ssizz	B1-2A-A-A-B1 : VVS2 : S-M type	Muse van Reyback
16	Machi	A-2A-A-B1-B2 : VVS2 : S type	Christine V
17	Kyo	A-A-A-A-B1 : VVS2 : M type	Aiden Braford
18	LeLe-ist-I-totos	2A-A-A-B1-B1 : VVS2 : S type	Schweitzer Drogono
19	Andromeda	A-A-A-A-B2 : VVS2 : L type	Krakenbeal Mejojo
20	I-lathno-Horles	2A-A-A-B2-B2, VVS2 : S type	Sleeping in Ballanche Castle
21	Hugtrang	2A-3A-2A-3A-3A, ???? : Forget it	Top secret
22	Sonor	B1-2A-2A-2A-B2, VVS2 : S type	In Meeth's custody
23	Madrigalopetetta	A-A-A-2A-A, VVS1 : M type	In Mrs. Cyan's possession (not as a partner)
24	Dorarandeartrute	B1-2A-A-A-A, VVS2 : M type	
25	Orchid	A-A-2A-A-2A, VVS1 : S type	In Prisen Corks' custody
26	Rapis	A-2A-2A-2A-A, VVS1 : S type	Nonna Straub
27	Ccanaharl	B1-A-2A-A-A, VVS1 : M type	In Mrs. Cyan's possession (not as a partner)
28	Spalitada	A-2A-3A-B1-B1, VVS1 : S type	Lotus Balounga
29	Achilies	B2-A-A-2A-B2, VVS2 : M-L type	Dippa Dorops
30	Ikarus	A-A-A-A-B2, VVS2 : S-M type	Panre Ex Atowright
31	Teata	B2(2A)-2A(3A)-2A-B2-B2, VVS1 : M type	Leopard Crylharis
32	Krakaline	B2-A-A-B2-B1, VVS2 : M type	Madora Moirai
33	Aphrochune	B2-A-A-B2-B1, VVS1 : L type	In the Colus Family's custody
34	Kalle	A-A-A-A-B1, VVS2 : S type	State Ballo Kacedia
35	Patetia	B2-A-A-A-B2, VVS1 : L type	In Prison Corks' custody
36	Aglaia	B1-A-A-A-B2, VVS1 : L type	Qukey Zanda
37	Treylea	B1-A-A-A-B2, VVS1 : M type	Krocle Harman
38	Auxo	A-2A-A-A-B2, Flowless : M type	In Lord Ballanche's custody
39	Alecto	A-2A-2A-A-B2, VVS1 : M type	Aisha Roumer (Aisha Codante)
40	Megacila	A-2A-2A-A-B1, Flowless : M type	Mission Rouath
41	Tisphone	A-2A-2A-A-B2, VVS1 : L type	Landwand Spacorn
42	Upandla	2A-2A-A-3A-3A, None : None	In Amaterasu's custody
43	Atropos	3A-3A-3A-3A-3A, Out : ∞ (Maturing)	Dismantled
44	Lachesis	∞ - ∞ - ∞ - ∞ - ∞, Out : ∞	Dismantled
45	Clotho	3A-VA-VA-3A-A, FF : ∞ (Asleep)	In the Colus Family's custody

*Innate power gauge ratings tend to change slightly due to actual battle experience



Fatima Fates

Hugtrang

2A-3A-2A-3A-3A : ?? : Forget it

An ultra spectacular gorgeous fatma. If ever there were one, and of course one of the most well-known throughout the Galaxy. Despite her appearance in the Sorcerer Wars plotting a mortal headd, strangely enough the maintenance on her will be done by Sekurako. Her clearance rating is still a mystery. Could it be that she's 'Rafanche-quality fatima? Who knows!



Fatima Fates

Ninaris

A-B1-B1-B2-B2 : VVS1 : L type

A Koop creation and partner of 'Backstabber, the lid Matoria,' a knight of Buch gma and member of one of the Galaxy's top-rated mercenary corps. She will be aboard the Silver Knight's Schpector during the forthcoming Sorcerer Wars. Her reputation as one of the most beautiful of me's loker has ever seen, along with her sister, he ku, will haunt even her men-at-arms. The dark violet color of her suit reflecting in the light is truly one of the masterpieces in the cyan collection.



Fatima Fates

Krakaline

B2-A-A-B2-B1 : VVS2 : M type

A Rafanche creation belonging to Murak Knight Spark. She wears a simple black and white suit since Mrs. Cy in felt she should match the suit color of Spark's other fatma Be kut. While it is very difficult for a single headliner to deploy more than one at a time, such a practice is by no means rare.

Plastic Style Fatimas



Fatima Fates
Tisphone

A-2A-2A-A-82 · VVS1 : L type

At first she was a very shy girl, but after a certain incident, she became a very confident girl. Mrs. Cyan has been working as a secretary for her. She is a very kind and helpful person.



Fatima Fates
Icarus

A-A-A-A-B2 : VVS2 : S-M type

Formerly a very shy girl who was killed in the back of the ship of the Luchina Empire. Now he met with the captain of the ship. One of the captain's mate, mastery over the everywhere is a very important matter. It is a matter of life and death that they are ready to sacrifice their lives for the sake of the empire.



Fatima Fates
Vin-Tin

B-2A-A-B2-B1 : VVS1 : S type

Formerly a very shy girl who was killed in the back of the ship of the Luchina Empire. Now he met with the captain of the ship. One of the captain's mate, mastery over the everywhere is a very important matter. It is a matter of life and death that they are ready to sacrifice their lives for the sake of the empire.



Fatima Fates
Kirihime

B2-B1-B1-B2-B2 : VVS2 : M type

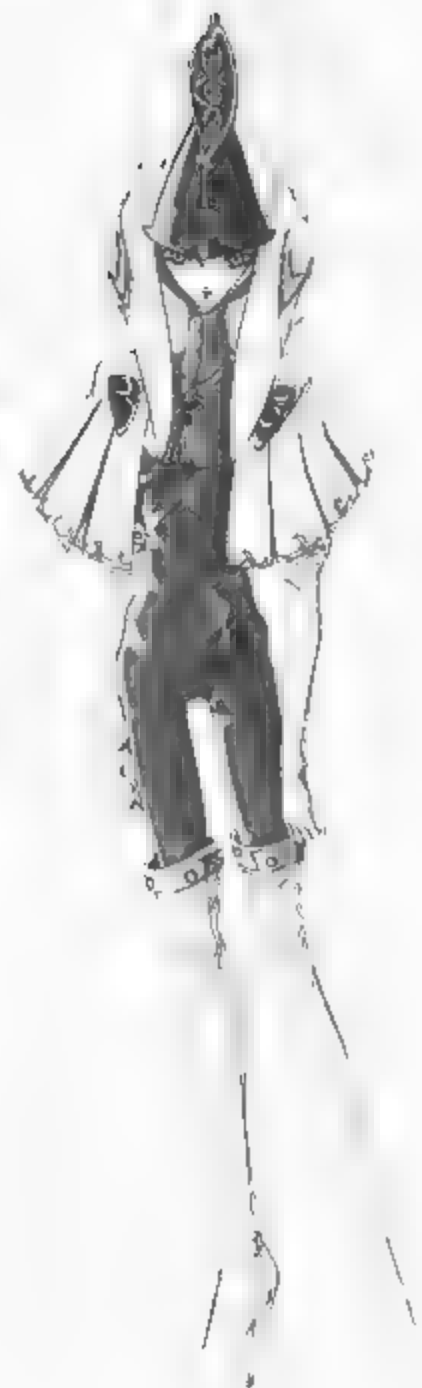
All lower fatimas will have been converted to the plastic style by the outbreak of the Sorcerer Wars in 3010. Due to similar facial features and body type, fatimas have to rely on the design of their clothing to identify them. Kirihime, who belongs to Filmore's Prince Viorate Trylon, is a creation of up and coming mage girl Sakuriko, many of whose fatimas will serve in the Sorcerer Wars.



Fatima Fates
La, Hurricane

B2-B1-B1-B1-B1 : VVS1 : M type

Chrome Balanche's mother, created by Arsenic as one of his "Wind Fatimas." Air Melody's partner. If you look closely, you'll notice her outfit matches that of Kallen's Auroa, except for the color. Designer Mrs. Cyan's doing.



Fatima Fates
Concord

B2-A-B1-B2-B2 : VVS2 : M type

The fatima who debuted the plastic style for FSS readers. The suit she's wearing here is different, however, having been redesigned a bit more tightly in red and white to match the MM Empress and its new owner Depre.

Fatimas with Special Clearance Designations



Fatima Fates
Clotho

3A-VA-VA-3A-A FF : S type

She is low maintenance with the highest P/G and clearance at less than a foot story. Her value skills exceed those of the AD Super-morphs and others. She was designed specifically to destroy A.M. forces and has crossed the New York and New York system from the clotho sector to the system.



Fatima Fates
Optical Tai Phone

P/G Unknown : SF : M type

A special unit created by Arsenal balance. She is apparently in the center of the Crown Star System, but we don't know why. She may be a special unit she is wearing with the aid of the three rates of destruction.



Fatima Fates
Ulice

A-2A-B1-B1-A : VVS1 : S type

A Morard masterpiece par excellence! Only a star and a half of fighters would ever encounter a fatima of like Ulice! She is rated higher than even Est in hand to hand battle skills, but even such a so-called fatima is no match for a headliner, as seen in her death trying to defend a wounded King Colus, her partner.



Fatima Fates
Est

B1-A-A-A-B1 : F : S type
2A-3A-3A-3A-2A : F

One of the Galaxy's premier fatima is Her double rating has to do with her double personality, the first as the wandering Black Fates of Kasenbu, the second when she is aboard the M1 Valtur, the Black Knight and the synchronized flatter system is in operation. Along with her flawless clearance, she is probably the Galaxy's most capable fatima.



Fatima Fates
Palsuet

B1-B2-B1-B1-B1 : VS1 : S type

Despite being rated as a mass produced fatima, Palsuet is rated very high with many masterpieces of the top mechanics showing that factory process can compete with the likes of Black Knight. Morard, if strict quality control standards are complied with.

How Fatimas are Rated: POWER GAUGE & CLEARANCE SPECIFICATIONS

A-Plus P/G Ratings

While the highest rating in the original P/G rating was A, fatimas came along, especially from the Ballanche laboratory whose special skills had to be rated higher with AA (2A) and AAA (3A). These exceptions are now referred to as "Ballanche-level fatimas. However, Galaxy law forbids fatimas with 3A ratings in the category of battle skills, since it would make them equal to headdliners in strength and potentially uncontrollable (i.e., dangerous). The three 3A fatimas in terms of battle skills, Pallenon, Atropos and Clotho, have either been dismantled, sealed up or otherwise nowhere to be seen.

Clearance

The "clearance" rating system is like this:

F Flawless

More of a title or accolade than a rating. Often bestowed in honor of the headdliners or mortal heads with whom they served.

VVS1 Very very slight flaw 1

The cream of every headdliner alive

VVS2 Very very slight flaw 2

High performance, top of the line fatima. Designer brand masterpiece

VS1 Very slight flaw 1

Good quality fatima

VS2 Very slight flaw 2

Average factory-made fatima

S1 Slight flaw 1

Living fatima that cannot be employed in battle

S2 Slight flaw 2

A reject. Not a rating for living fatimas.

This rating is combined with the previous power gauge criteria to form what is called the "full gauge." "Clearance" is also an objective evaluation of quality, personality, etc., and it is usually given more weight than the "balance of 5" P/Gs. It's the same for diamonds, no matter how many carats, an S in color will tell the whole story. Although evaluations on the clearance (flaw) gauge of 52 or below will not meet with the same fate as a D in the "balance of 5" P/G, such a fatima amounts to nothing more than a computer, an heteromuru. About 80% of all fatimas fall in the VVS range (those rated as F come along one or two times in an age).

The other F-rated fatimas found in FSS are:

White Eutia (Ballanche),
Kratoughma (Koop),
Blue Megaella (Ballanche),
Garnet Auxo (Ballanche),
O hame of the Lake (Mercury)

*The "White," "Blue," etc. designations are special accolades given for flawlessness. Also, Auxo's flawless rating was given to her in honor of her master, Dougulus Kaen, following his death.

Type (Exterior Physique)

When a fatima is completed (i.e., comes of age), its growth is locked into the following body types.

S Little girl

M Young woman

L Adult female

mS Little boy

mM Young man

mL Adult male

∞ Alterable, no specific parameters

(if legal under Galaxy law)

S-Type fatimas, whose growth is locked at the earliest stage, tend to be the most unstable, performance-wise and thus possess the least potential, while L-Type fatimas are just the opposite, being the least limited in terms of potential. M-Types, as you may expect, fall somewhere in the middle potential-wise. Type can be discerned by such items of dress as socks (S-Type), long boots and long bonnets (M-Types) and tight skirts, cape bonnets and pumps (L-Type). There are also certain Ballanche models of combined S-M- and M-L-Types. Ssizz is an example of the former and dresses according to both types.

Fatimas with Special Clearance Designations

FF: Forever Flawless

This is a category reserved solely for Clotho, the ultimate fatima in terms of both rating systems. It is similar to a sword sage (ultimate chevalier) among headdliners, i.e., only one exists at any point in time. Technically, Clotho's existence is in violation of Galaxy law, completely uncontrollable and dangerous, as mentioned above. No headdliner would be able to keep up with her. As a matter of fact, her 3A P/G and FF clearance were created for doing battle with gods, not humans.

SF: Silent Flawless

This is actually a title given to Arsenic Balance's Tai Phone of Light, to honor a fatima destined to perform special duties for eternity. What both Clotho and Tai Phone have in common is that they were not created as "fatima machines of destruction," but as artificial life forms to fulfill the dreams of the human race and explore.

Power Gauge

All fatimas, including Ballanche's masterpieces, are rated according to two criteria. These criteria are specifications for identifying a fatima, and are also keys to ascertaining their worth and meight signature. However, such objective specs are much like those of automobiles. For example, rather than a 800 hp engine that produces raw power, one might prefer a more balanced 750 hp type with an attractive engine head design. These specs are of course a very reliable criteria, but the reputation of each fatima does not depend on them alone, but also on their bravery in battle and the legends that have risen up around them. The Ballanche fatimas are said have a "plus 2" power gauge just for bearing his signature thus giving rise to another type. The power gauge rating (hereafter P/G) is a so called the "balance of 5," in which the five special skills of each fatima are graded. The other rating is called "clearance" and indicates overall quality. The "balance of 5" includes the following categories.

The ranking system is as follows. Some 99.9% percent of all fatimas fall between grades B1 and C. Those who receive D2 marks are virtually useless and are usually "eliminated" (killed). While there is the possibility that another P/G criterion could compensate for a D2 skill, normally, any fatima with a D2 rating in any of the "balance of 5" categories would be considered a reject and disposed of accordingly, by death or use as a pet. The two B grades were set up because B is what the overwhelming majority of fatimas receive. C is the most wide-ranging grade and is the most vague. The average fatima tends to score B2 for battle skills, B2 for calculation, C for MH control, B2 for stamina and C for mental stability. An A score is rare even for the fatimas created by the most famous meights. Meights tend to be happy with any grade above C.

Battle Skills

The strength of a fatima's body is close to that of a headliner. Muscular strength, quickness and agility, flexibility and sharp senses are all physical P/G criteria. A fatima's strength being close that of a headliner is because they are required to make adjustments to MH controls in sync with the headliner's piloting speed and must support their masters in all their endeavors, be they official or private. This is why they were created from reproductive cells originating from Nakkandrah Swans.

Mortar Headd Control Skills

This P/G criterion is often combined with calculation skills, and covers how fast and to what level a fatima can improve any given setting, how freely she can hand over the controls, and how easily she can be handled by headliners. This is a criterion peculiar only to fatimas, who are essentially specialized computers.

Calculation Skills

This is the data processing P/G criterion, which is basically the same for all fatimas in terms of speed. However, like MH control, this criterion measures the range of settings a fatima can program into an MH under any given set of conditions. For example, it can be employed to find out a fatima's ability to control an MH that has just come off the assembly line. It is also a gauge of the ability to change over from one MH to another.

Physical Stamina

While this criterion is not as important as the others, it indicates to what extent a fatima can supplement the physical attributes of her headliner, and is also related to use-life (durability) and battle performance. In practice, most headliners will tire out before their fatimas.

Mental Stability

This is a very important P/G criterion, because subjecting fatimas to mind control makes them much more mentally unstable than humans. There are many cases of fatima minds being blown through the contradiction that exists between high speed/high stress data processing and artificially controlled emotions. This criterion indicates such rigidity, but what is tricky here is that because too much stability usually results in a total lack of emotion, it is the only reliable indication of physical and mental stress management skills. This is the major reason for fatimas having so many of their meight's chemicals.

A	Exceptional
B1	Excellent
B2	Very good
C	Good
D	Borderline
D2	Poor

HOW FATIMAS ARE RATED

POWER GAUGE & CLEARANCE SPECIFICATIONS



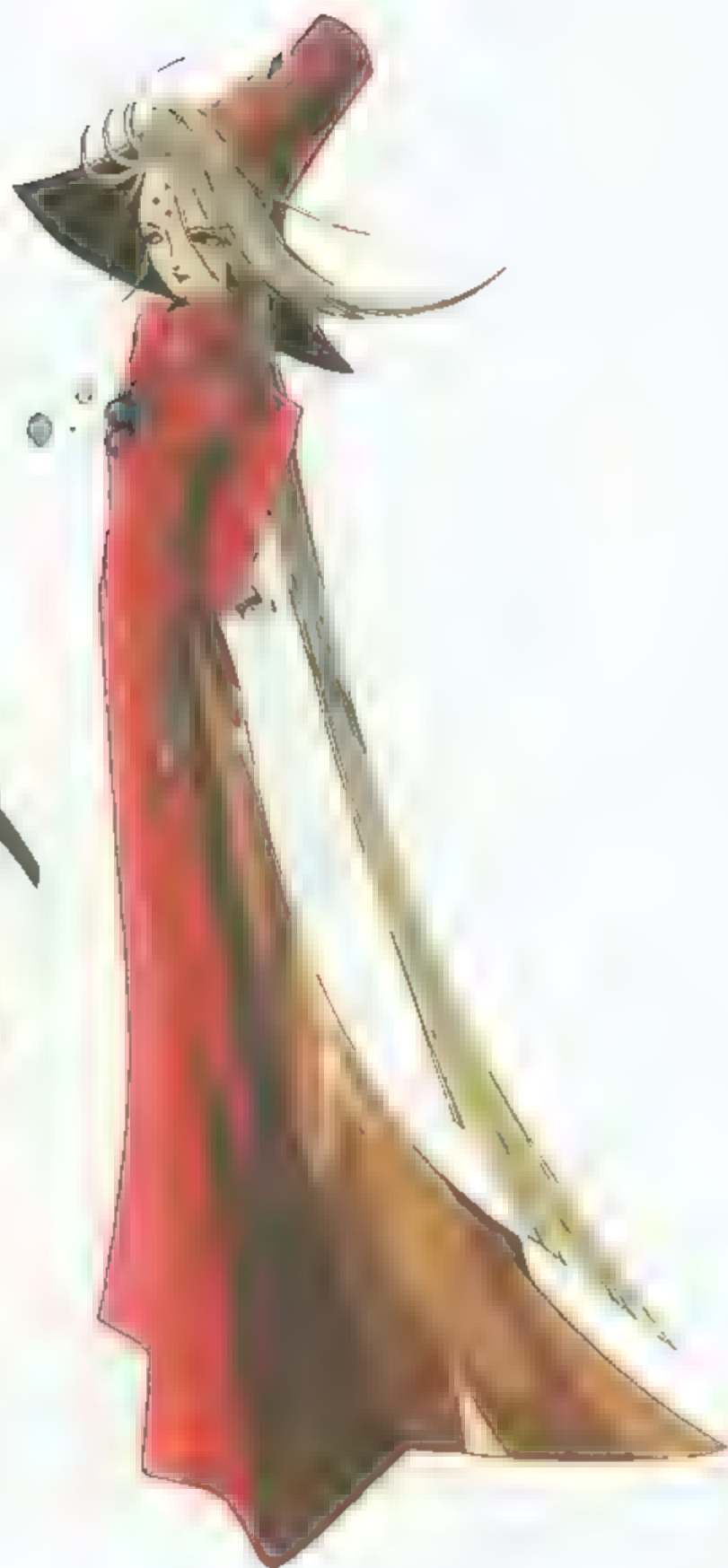
Fatima Fates
Paracha

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the only one to do so. We will be
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We make the most of it. We will be
concerned.



Fatima Fates
Diode

[illegible]

Green Neiper

Ancient people of the Americas
were known as the Anasazi family
of the Ancestral Pueblo, and the
Aztecs, Mayans, Incas, and the
Columbian people.



Machine Mess The Auge

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Kyoroki

The childhood name of this member of the royal family of Shiegruck on the planet Karmanio. Later to be known as Princess Oliby Tighnaben. While still an adolescent, she boldly travels around the Galaxy marketing the mortar heads designed by Dr. Diamond. Another Mirage Corps member tricked into joining by Amaterasu and the first to be registered as a "on permanent assignment elsewhere."



Taizen Suzuka

Mayor Izumo Astrocity, a headliner and fatima master, busy producing metrolekka swords for MHs and improving the lives of the Galaxy's downtrodden masses. Those who admire her call her "Suzuka-Gozen" (Your Excellency).



Dr. Diamond Neutral

The Galaxy's first MH cum fatima might ever. Designer of the Mejojo Dynasty's Ashura Temple and the AKD's Blood Temple. Neu has discovered that truth about Tai Phone and Monarch Sacred as well as Amaterasu's true identity as the God of Light. The name "Neutral" derives from that fact that the good doctor is neither male nor female.



Magdall Atoll

Kaien's daughter, boasting the most powerful diver force in the history of the Hathiha Empire. She inherited her beautiful blonde hair from her mother, Iabo Beat.



Depre Zen Atoll

Kaien's headliner son who has inherited Iabo's MH Empire and Ialima Concord just in time to lead Hathiha into the Sorcerer Wars.



Haird Grover

One of Empress Magumica's palace guards, a woman who acts as a kind of secretary to the other sorceresses. Her rather dedicated dedication to duty stands out from Aisha's devil-may-care dynamism. She is very close to Magdali, who is very early attached to her, as will the other members of the Palace. Douglas has an



Arr Fortissimo Melody 4

Born into Colus Dynasty royalty, but after the Melody Family was disgraced, she took sword sage Harricane's MFI Engage to roam the Galaxy as a mercenary, before settling down in Lalahua as Princess Magdali predicted.



Beauty Peel

A diver working as Bosjathfort's right hand woman. She is chairman of the Ucom foundation and the mainstay of the Buchigma Magic Kingdom's economy. She is also the mother of Mirage Diver Zoom, and pays her a visit along with the other members of the Black Three: her mentor and Décor Weissmel, the scourges of the Galaxy.



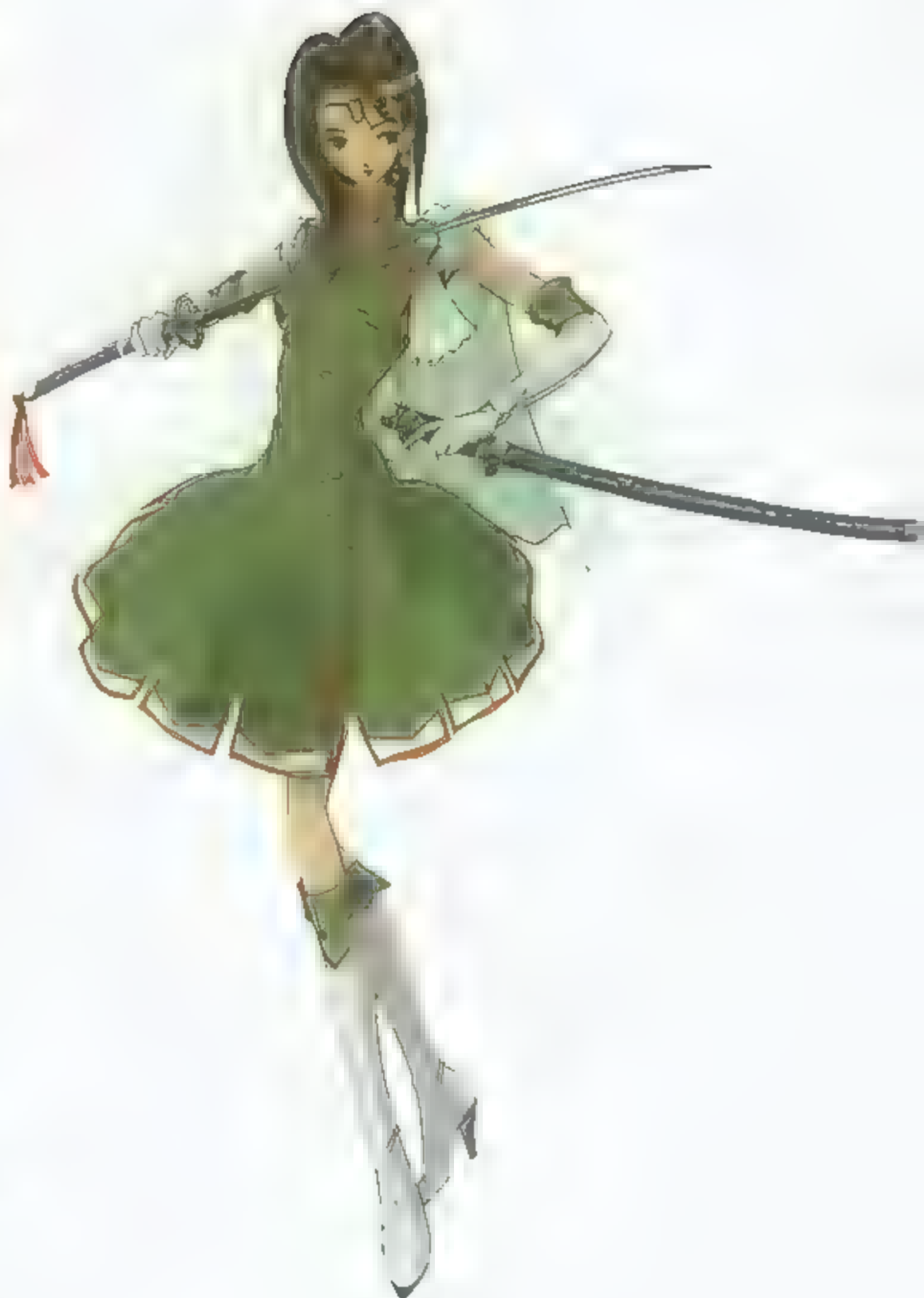
Agari-no-Kimi

Another offshoot born from Amaterasu's supernatural powers. Agari-no-Kimi is different from Amaterasu's alter-ego Ladios Sopp; anyone is hard pressed to call him human, being a biological holography. He is different from Amaterasu in personality, physical appearance and the powerful diver force he possesses.



Jaquous Quo'n Hash

Grandson of Iota Korteza, founder of the Iota Space Knights, and son of Mirage Knight Iemarrah Loul Jatas. He has a penchant for developing such fighting tactics as "Mom's Special Sword" and "Mom's Special Kick." His rather effeminate looks hardly match his four-mouthed, angry-young-man demeanor.



Sayly Colus

The eldest daughter of King Colus III, who took Wind Falma Cyclone as her partner in piloting the MHI Engage Octaver SR3. The SR3 is the same model as Colus III and Ulcie's lunchbox and became the Dynasty's flagship after Luncheon and Clotho were sealed away. She represents the Colus knightlyhood in place of Colus IV, who does not carry a sword, but what is this wild young thing doing in Hathuha trying to win back the Engage?



Series P. Panafrancis Cyan

A woman who talks a mile a minute without giving you a clue to what she's saying. Widowed by the Grand Duke of Panafrancis on his family, she is presently running his household until an heir is determined. Despite graduating with honors from the AKD's University of Engineering, her naive character is hardly conducive to experimentation and data processing, a fact that the Duke personally began to understand, given her unabashed antics before his untimely death. Her education and marriage have paved the way for her entrance into the highest echelons of royal and headliner society, including a request from Amaterasu to design a line of clothing for the Balanche fabmas.



Nio Hathler

The only female headliner among the Arcanna Knights, she served as an aide to the emperor before returning to Filmore with the new emperor to join the Arcanna Knights. She pilots the Arcanna Silver Cloud, which escorts the Crown Prince's Prominence.

— Characters —



Fatima Fates Chandanna

Fillmore's top fatima given to Dai Gu V by his grandmother Ena. She is Machi's older sister with a rather puzzling look about her, but her performance marks are rarely exceeded.

Ena Dai Gu Fillmore

The Galloping Grandma. After spending a leisurely life in Bakinnrakkan with her feisty grandson, her meeting with Christine V and the accession of her grandson to the imperial throne has forced her to return and back to Kalamity. A former sword sage with powers and abilities equal to those of Douglas Kaien.

Erniuth Dai Gu Fillmore U

The Grumbling Grandson. A boy of apparently good upbringing living in Bakinnrakkan. He wears a skirt in the traditional fashion of his ancestors. Despite his sassy attitude towards his grandmother, he is completely dedicated to her. He will become the 238th emperor of Fillmore.



Mamadoa Juzotta

Heir to the Juzotta Family, which traces its bloodline to sword sage. Although a first class swordswoman, she continues to be dogged around like any innocent teenager. She is the Bakinnrakkan's top headliner piloting its Vi-O-La Empress.



Fatma Fates Aurora

A Ballanche masterpiece and partner to Juzotta. The two are well matched, planning one hair-brained scheme after another. You'll never know what she's going to pull out of her skirt next.

Characters



Mismas Saolirena

The former empress of Bakinnrakkan, having handed over the throne to her daughter, now enjoying an elegant life with her friends in retirement. However, the Empire will soon be in need of her expert advice.



Kamper La, Cierra

The present empress of Bakinnrakkan, taking over for her retired mother, Mismas. She performs her duties competently enough, despite her dissatisfaction with the lack of attention given her empire in world politics. One can detect a rather jittery, capricious strain in her mental character. She continues the imperial tradition of being able to tell a headliner's ability at first sight. Despite all that, she is definitely maturing into a discerning monarch with occasional advice from Sir Harris and her mother.



Olkaon Harris

Juzotta's guardian and head of the Harris Family, which directs the Bakinnrakkan Empire. Although an exemplary, evolved master headliner in his own right, his daughter, Mirage Knight Spark, has tarnished the family name in one scandal after another.



Fatima Fates

Toki

The lat ma who nursed a decrepit Dr. Balanche during his final days and also the one who knows the inside of a situation concerning the sword Sage Moxi. A meson says the death of Aio Rane is a tank's responsibility. He is a clerk. Dukedom. Sh. is a clerk. Sh. is a clerk. Mach and Kyo



Aio Rane

Commander of the last Lurck Dukedom's knighthood. A well-known headliner who pilots the MH Croon-Eldergrain, his overwhelming popularity has earned him the moniker, "Knight of Knig—"

Characters



John Weinzell

A young man who has come from his rural home to Kastenpo in hope of making his mark in the world. His initial encounter with a fatima, named Vatsher, will radically change his life and greatly disturb his perception of fate and fortune. However, he will not be the same after this.

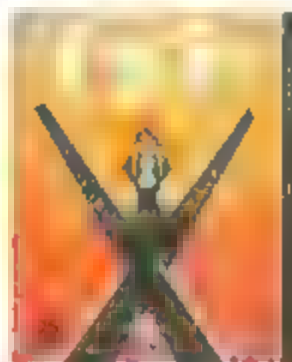
Natrium Xing Sakurako

A young woman traveling in Kastenpo by herself. She possesses diver powers inherited from her mother, and despite her immature character, is a bona fide fatima magnet. There is a lot of secrecy surrounding her birth.

Fatima Fates Vatsher

Called the Black Fates (pronounce "fabtchz") of Death, the mere mention of her name will cause a person to shudder. In Kastenpo, people are afraid of her. A young fatima, she has a very dark personality. After meeting the young man, John Weinzell, she will show him several rather advanced and sinister sword techniques. The story is...

The Five Star Stories X



Mamoru Nagano is a storyteller, whose narrative style arose strangely enough from his background in the design of character and robot animation for television. The unique characters and mechanical devices that flow out of Mamoru's pen are always in line with the latest mode, which is why they always hit the market in such sensational fashion. His peculiar touch with the pen stems technically from a blend of traditional Japanese ink brush techniques and whatever is happening on the graphic art scene at any particular time, while compositionally his work stems from various fetishistic tendencies. The following is a chronological account of Mamoru's career.

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A Vast Tale Promising to Straddle the Centuries

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In an espionage mission to Fort Chiburn in the U-Ihu Republic on the planet Both, swordsmen sage Dougulus Kaien is detected by a very alert Michael Lester, who blocks the spy's escape and all but obliterates Kaien's fatima Auxo. Kaien flees to an anti-government guerilla camp at the mining village of Tyxaihigh and is pursued by Republic headliner Maiyu Skat. In his powerful mortar headd, the Zakker Flaung in for Auxo as Kaien's partner on his Schpellor is none other than Lachesis sister Atropos, who had been posing as the leader of the guerillas. After defeating Skat, Atropos pledges to spend the rest of her life trying to realize a fatima's full potential free

of legally imposed physical and mental restraints, and after the battle disappears. Meanwhile, Kaien's Auxo is brought back from the dead by Chrome Ballanche's protegee, Prisen Corks, with her memory miraculously intact and is reunited with Kaien.



Five Star Stories Vols. XI-XII

After a flashback to the time when Ludis Sopp and Chrome Ballanche first met and their encounter with swordsmen sage Dimos Hianraki, the stories turned to the Kingdom of Taika, doomed to war and tragedy for thousands of years in another universe, but promised by Amaterasu that he would send his daughter to end the violence. Colus Dis Vice then made a brief appearance before we were swept off to Delta Belun and Amaterasu's woes concerning his mother, who also paid a visit to Lachesis. Volume XI then ended with Sopp and Ballanche at their last meeting before the good doctor's death. Back to Kastenpo on the planet Both. If the Bishop isn't satisfied with the twenty-eight previous opportunities to experiment in military mayhem. Looking for one of the Galaxy's Big Three to "test", he has the ninja spy kidnap Aisha Codante's fatima to lure Mirage Knight #2 into

the battlefield. Kibarcan's Cardinal Muse van Keyback decides to shed his holier-than-thou attitude and bring the Bang Doll. As for the attempt by Iler's monitoring station to escape with newly discovered mortar headd data, a royalty P.O.'d Thunder Dragon puts on a spectacular aerial demonstration in a statement to the Galaxy that nobody is to use the unrestricted, lawless region of Kastenpo as a weapons testing ground ever again.



Five Star Stories Vols. XIII-XIV

The Emperor of Delta Belun decides to take a leave of absence to visit Kastenpo on the planet Both. On the bus ride, Sopp hears the well-known folktale of the "Water Dragon," in which a young princess gives up her most treasured possession to save her kingdom from an army of devils. Then the bus is attacked by a secret mission led by Diver Di-Barrow in search of the dying LED Dragon, and Sopp is mortally wounded. Meanwhile, back in Delta Belun at the Floating Temple, its commander-in-chief's departure has thrown the Palace into confusion, with headdiners and diver's running amok and safety barriers of all kinds breaking apart. However, Lachesis, with a little help from Dougulus Kaien and the Golden Dragon, proves to all her ability to rule in

Amaterasu's absence. Lachesis concludes the cause of the uproar to be some physical disruption at Amaterasu's end. So she sends the only available headdiner, Joker knight par excellence Schaft at the helm of the virgin Jagu Mirage with even nutter Paltanon in the fatima cockpit, to Kastenpo for to check it out.



Warning:

Those readers who cannot for reasons physical, psychological or otherwise endure reading comics from right to left should seriously consider not purchasing this book and return it to the shelf.

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Dedicated to Fatimas Everywhere



his is a tale of the god of light, Amaterasu, and his wife Lachesis, who emerged victorious from an era of wars that raged throughout four solar systems. It will also tell of the many bold and daring headliners who battled courageously during those times, some victorious, some not, but always in the name of chivalry.

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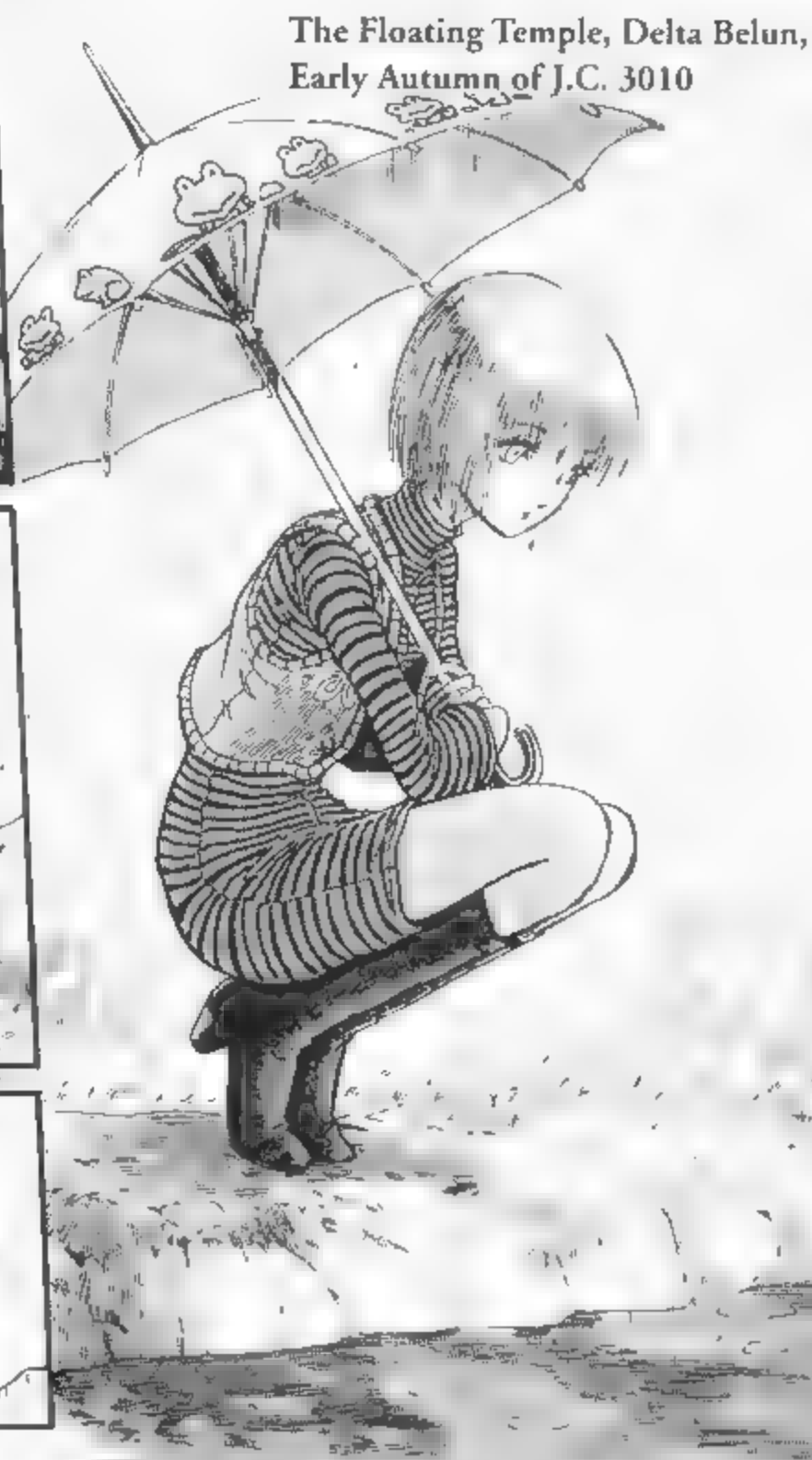
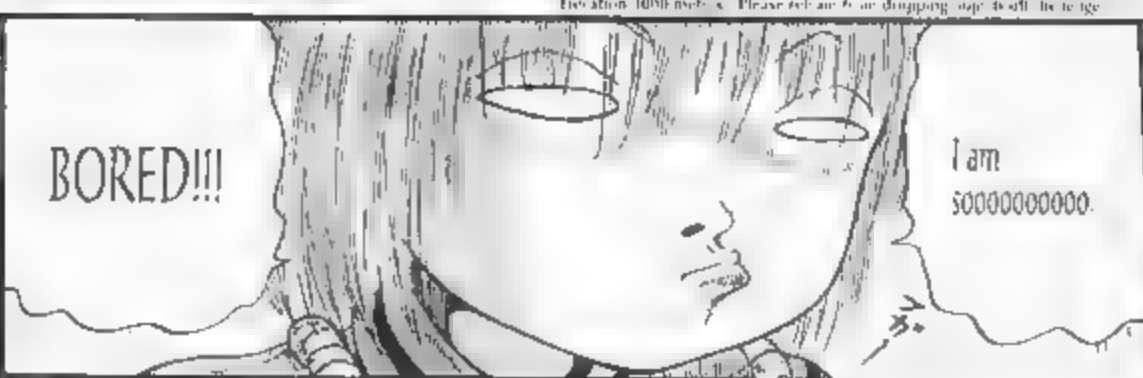
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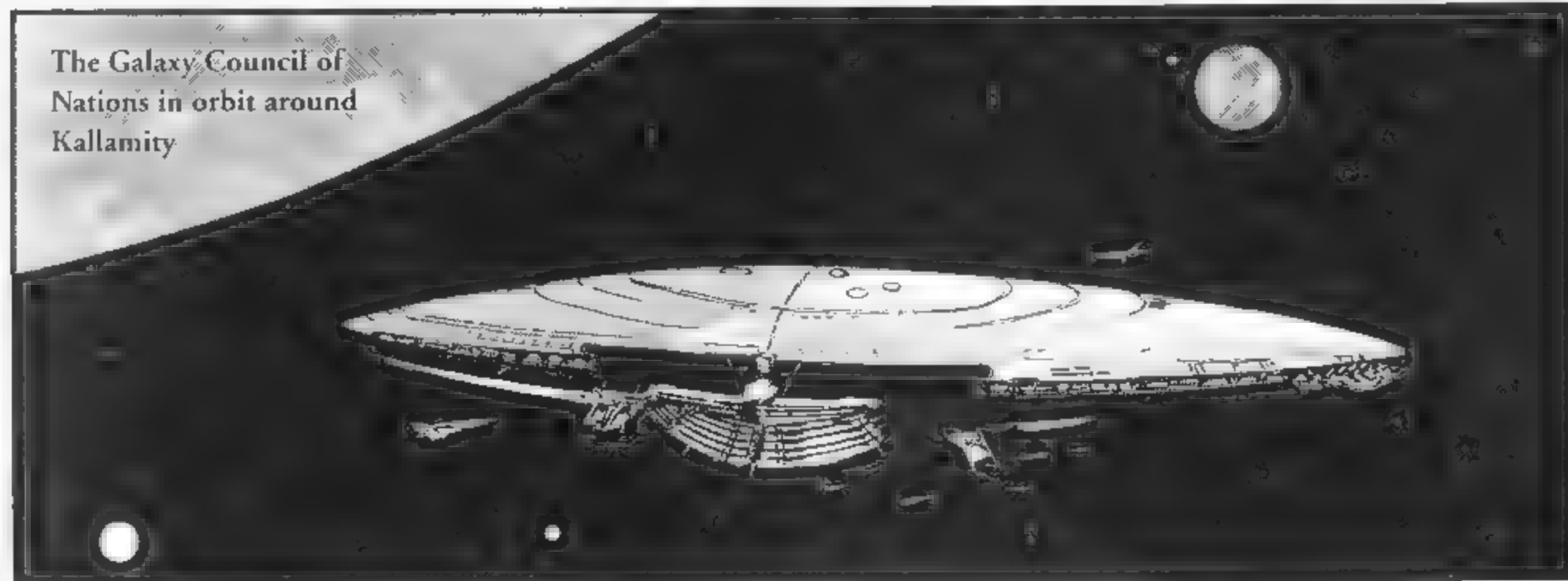


fter a preview of the eighth set of Five Star Stories surrounding a book that has yet to be read entitled *Monarch Sacred* and containing everything you need to about the Universe, the last chapter of set five has Bothjasfort takin' it to the stage at the Floating Temple for his second engagement, this time accompanied by Décors Weissmel and Beauty Peel. Knock yourself out!

Episode 10

The Dark Three: Ghost from the A.D. Era





And let me caution you to act appropriately as the commander of the Jola Knighthood.

We are honored to have you in the AKD's VIP lounge, Jaquous.

Iemarah, I heard your father, King Mol, has arrived. Shouldn't you go see him?

Hey, mom! When are you gonna stop hangin' around with the hoi polloi over there.

He annoys the hell outta me with all his crap!

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How dare you talk to me like that, you snout nosed brat!

Commander! That's a good one! I'm the big boss and don't forget it, you creep.

If you don't shut your mouth, bitch, I'm gonna kick that fat ass of yours around the room!!

Apologize. Please! Don't embarrass your mother like this...

Jaquous.. You mustn't speak to Sir Crytharis like that!

On second thought... Who'd wanna kick a flabby ass like yours, anyway... He-he-he!!

Kick my fat ass!...

Bitch...?



Haven't even got peach fuzz on your balls, and already going senile... You little pecker!

Mother dear!
Forgive me!
You're hurting me!
Please, mother!!

This is what carried you for nine months, you little turd! Never, ever talk to your mother like that!!



Fat ass, huh?
This! Take a good look! See!

Even a budding mega master couldn't get out of the way of a kick like that...



It's no use. You're looking at a woman who is feared and respected by space pirates all over the Galaxy as the "Terror of Atya."

Jaquous' gonna lose the use of his tool if she keeps that up...



Hey, Sanjo. Make femarah stop, will ya?

Farahis made a loud-mouthed remark. "Don't want to use him."



And Jaquous, don't you have an appointment to meet with the Mayor of Astro City?



Lord Crytharis, Lady Iemarah, the Emperor requests your presence.

My, my .. What parent-child bonding!



Would you, Caruey? Thanks a lot!

I'm a little worried about you. Would you like me to go with you?



What a weird way of walking ..



Young man! I assume you're carrying a DOS*

Please be informed that the Mayor never lets her guard down.



He-he-he...



Lady Huselles? If it is of a personal matter, I will of course excuse myself.

I have something I'd like to ask the Mayor myself

* DOS = On the Spot - another term for a spade. JAPPA = Japanese Professional Association of Police Officers. sim = a term used to designate a spade.



I said you walk funny... Like a little monkey!!



Huh!?

Princess Sayly, of the Colus royal family... If I'm not mistaken...

Hold on there!

Is that so? Well, come on...



I heard you! And I'm gonna cut you up into little pieces for it... Bitch!



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オラ!

Do you know who I am? Jaquous, Jota's mega master... And it's too late to back out now!!



Monkey boy...

I'm game... Don't think you could beat me, though..

Bye-bye, Jola Monkey Boy...



Now that you know... It's no fun anymore... Some other time...

Nobody's supposed to know who I am..

How did you..?

She can kick your ass, that's why



Hey! Carliey! Why'd you scare her away? Hey!



Attention then turns to Piano's eldest daughter, Arr, taugted as the Trio's top headdliner, who hasn't been seen for the couple of decades or so...

But the Melody family was later disgraced and disbanded due to Piano Melody committing adultery with the Empress of Aloll.

You're from the Colus Trio...

Oh yeah

There ll be a time when you grow up and forget about me...

The Melody family descended from Soprano Melody, Colus I's oldest daughter and mother of Sword Sage Harricone.

I was a Colus headdliner and retainer of the Melody family

What is it, Your Majesty!

That's what you want to talk to the Mayor about?

It's been reported that Lady Arr has been spotted in the vicinity of Astro City.

You bet... Direct bloodline to the Colus family and everything.

Is Arr also a real ass-kicker?

Either way this kid's still has something to learn about sexual harassment...

You mean "tedama ni toru"*

Piece of cake! She and that snot-nosed brat! "Tegome ni toru!!"

I'm going to
dispatch an
alias...

Thank you,
Crythans,
Iemarah...

What s
happened,
Your Majesty?

A... an alias!
Do you mean
Rince! Or
Agan-no-Kim!

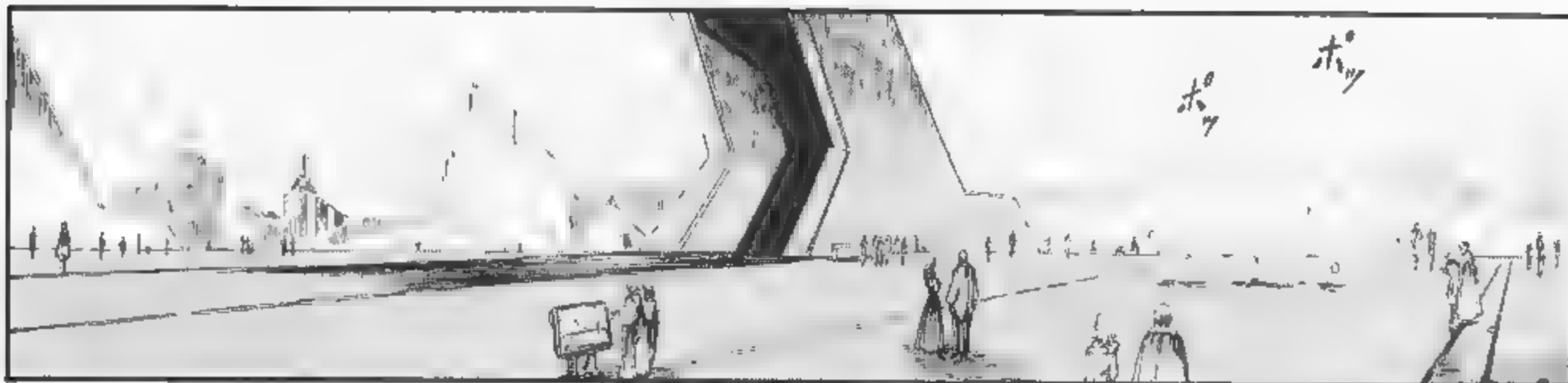
Tell the conference
that I am not feeling
well and that I want
everyone to keep
their distance...

My body is going
to become very
fragile for a time...
I don't want
anyone to notice...

I've got to
hurry...

No

The Vermilion Tower
Throne Room on The
Floating Temple...



To all Mirage Knights
in the Palace vicinity!
S-Level Alert!
I repeat... S-Level
Alert!!



This is an emergency!!
Infiltrators have been
detected!! All members of
the Mirage Corps Right
Wing to your battle stations!!



Nowhere to be found!
Out to lunch! At a time
like this! Divers! Find
Spark!! The Emperor is
already aware of the
situation from Kallamity!!
Hurry!!

Kinky! Take the Throne
Room corridor! Orbit and
Broze! You re with me in
the Throne Room! Spark!
Where the hell is Spark?



Fall back,
everyone!! Call
the Mirages!!



What else would you
expect! ... AKD diver
reaction time... Excellent!



Aaaaah!

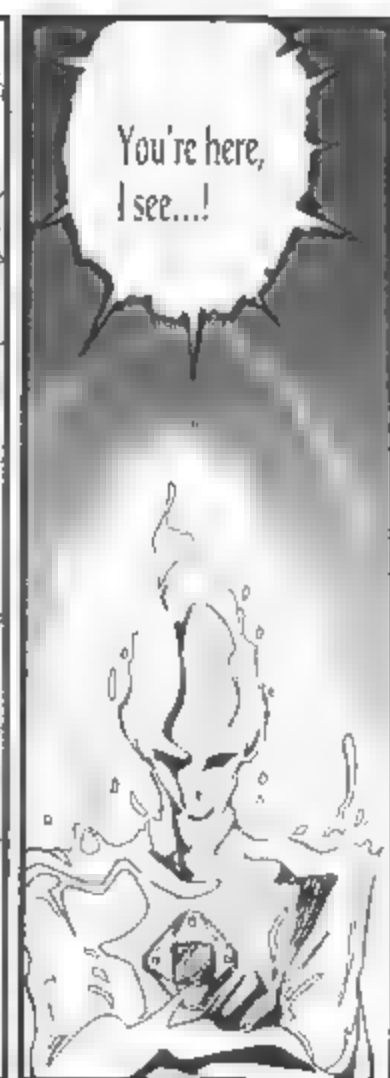
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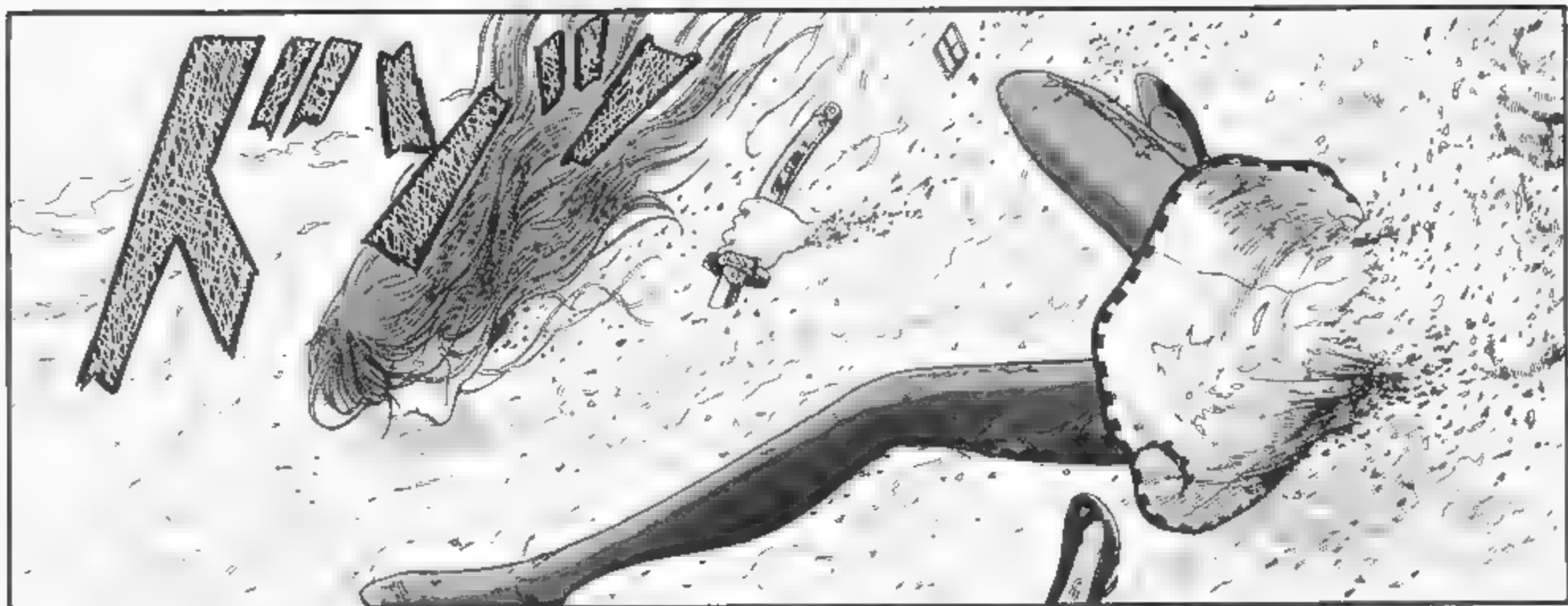
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Eeeek!

Whoaa!!

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That mark!!
I can I be!



It would be quicker
to stop me! Cause
this nigger's
headed straight for
the Throne Room...

Of course ..



Décors Weissmel,
the Black Knight!!



Bullshit!



Get outta the way!! Let us handle it!!



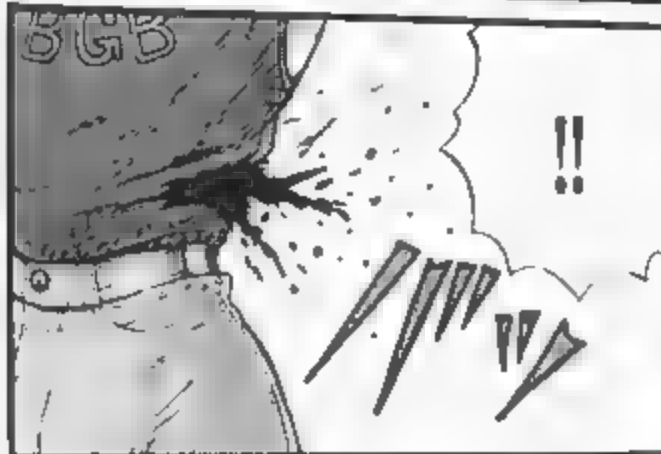
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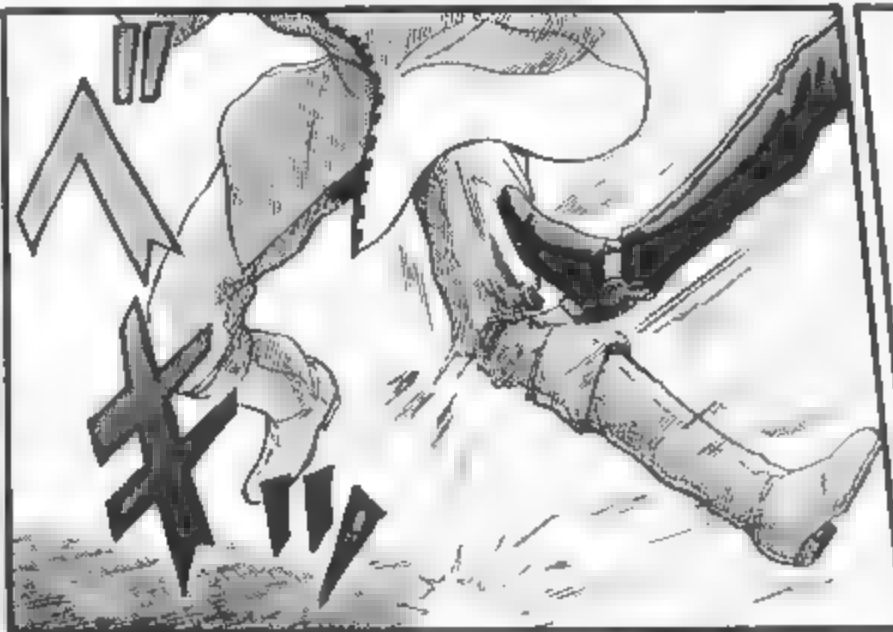


What the hell is this, anyway?
God damnit!

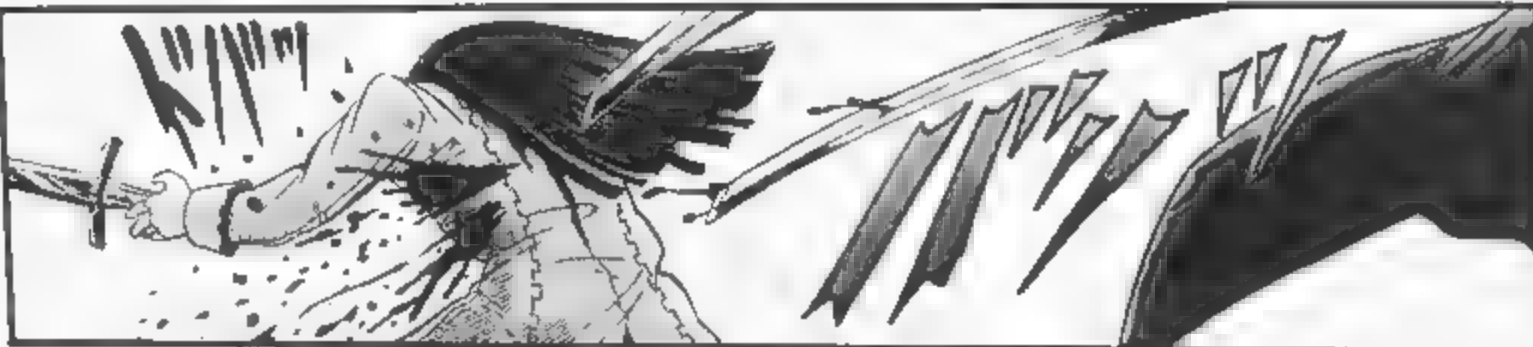
Divers!! Stay put!! We don't want anymore casualties!



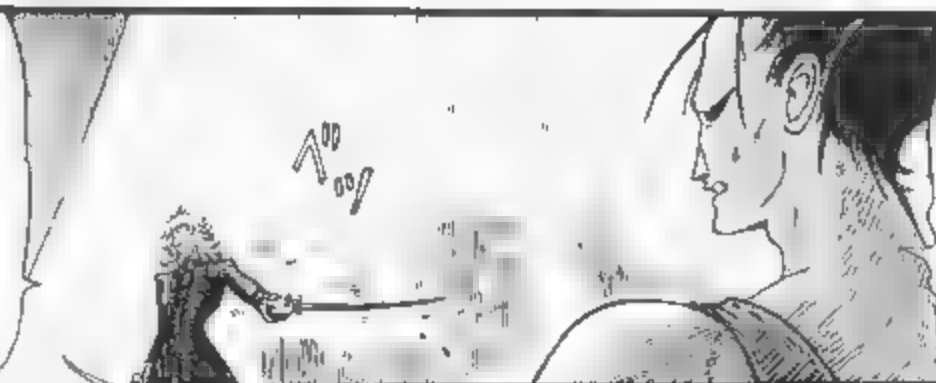




Urazen! Don't do anything rash!!



To do that you have to have to put incredible weight on the sword...



Who is this guy... No pattern at all! Took on Nu soard's sword and shed it... never the same move twice... constantly mutating...

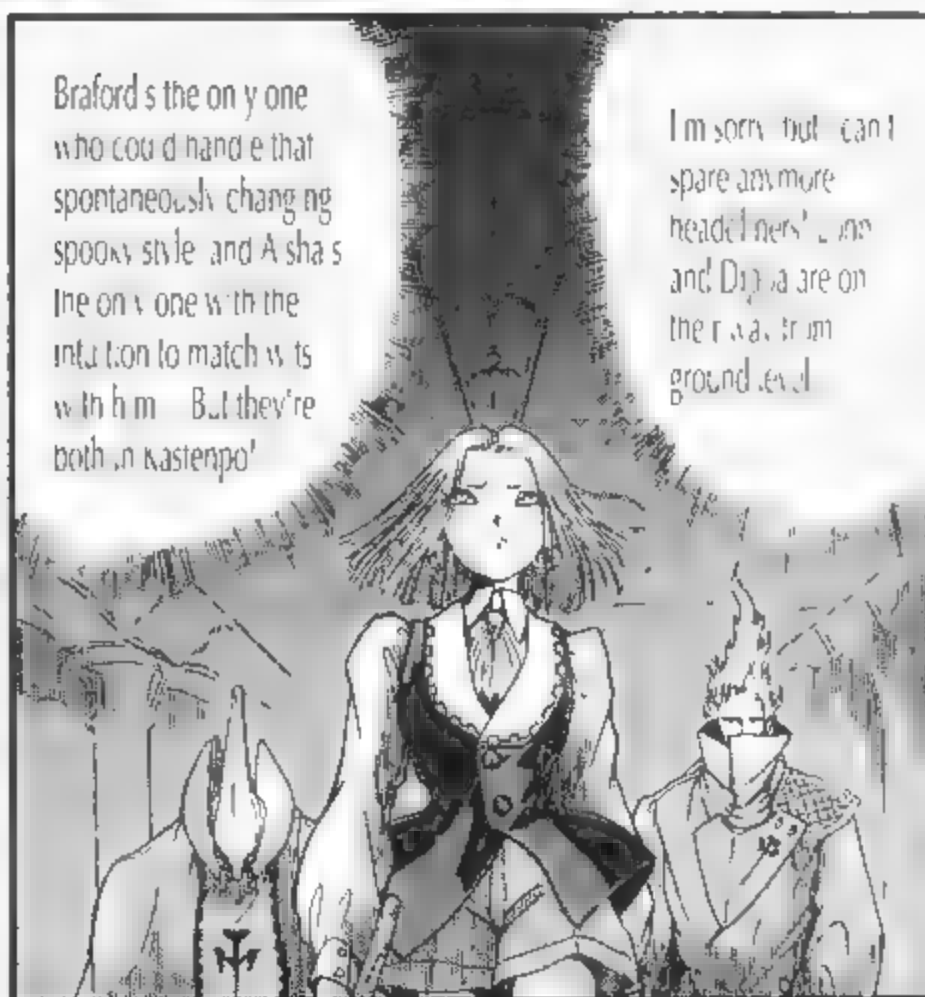
Yellowtail! Gonna make you jive and wail! And today's student, little miss Kalle, is going to learn how to prepare it!

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Take a gander at this! I got is from the mess hall... A fat luscious...

Braford s the on y one who cou d hand e that spontaneously chang ng spooky style and A sha s the on y one with the intuition to match w ts with him But they're both in kastenpo'

I'm sorry but can't spare anymore headliners' and and Dappa are on the r a a, tram ground level



By the amount of blood he's losing.

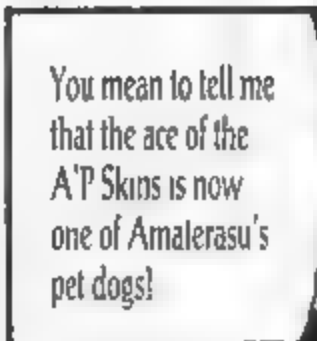
Uraaaaazen! Yooohoo!





I gotta have her... I love every square inch of her body!

And that slim, delicate neck of hers... Uuuuhh! And that cute little butt!



You mean to tell me that the ace of the A'T Skins is now one of Amalerasu's pet dogs!



Is that you, Harris? Whadda you doin' here?



Spaaark...



Est gotcha by balls, huh? Couldn't I resist the sexiest ankles in the Galaxy, I see!

He-he-he! Look who's talkin'? What's with the triple-tomoe insgnia?



Sorry, Kalle, there's gonna be a change in tonight's main course...

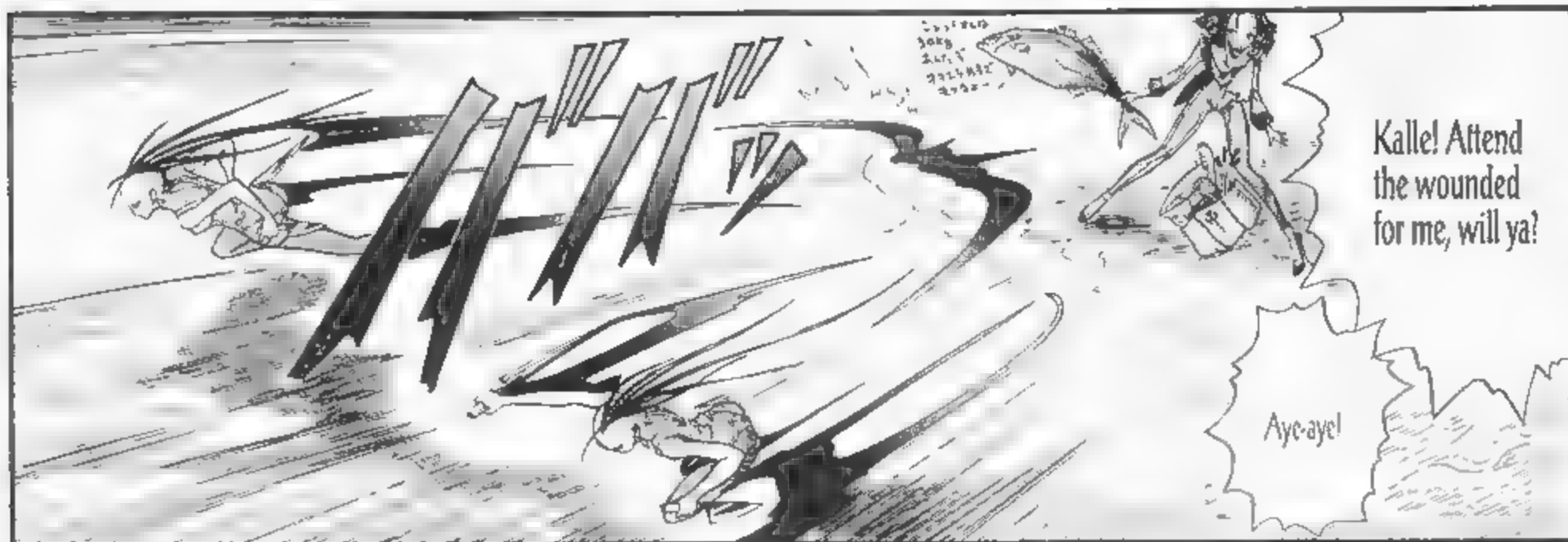
You're not gonna hand her over, huh? Shit!



What're you sayin'? That this nigger been handlin' the merchandise?



Blacktail... Smooch!



Kalle! Attend the wounded for me, will ya?

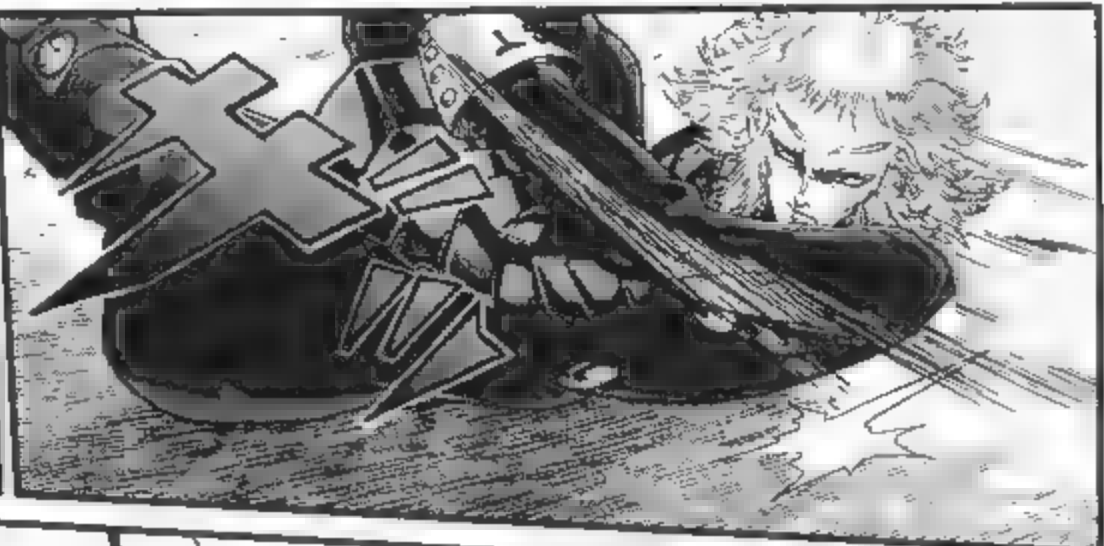
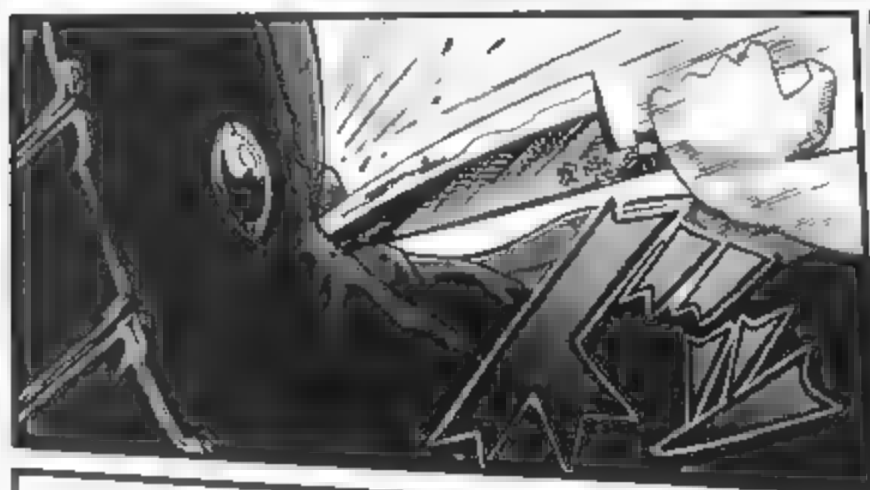
Aye-aye!

That's a 40 pound fish you be havin' been stazling in one hand!

Come on! You
Ena dropout!!

Okay, fucker!!
Give me all
you got!!







Actually Mel
Sacheir, but she
doesn't seem to
be around...
What a shame.



The Vermilion Throne
Room corridor



What's goin'
on, Kinky!

Divers from the
Hell Tower...



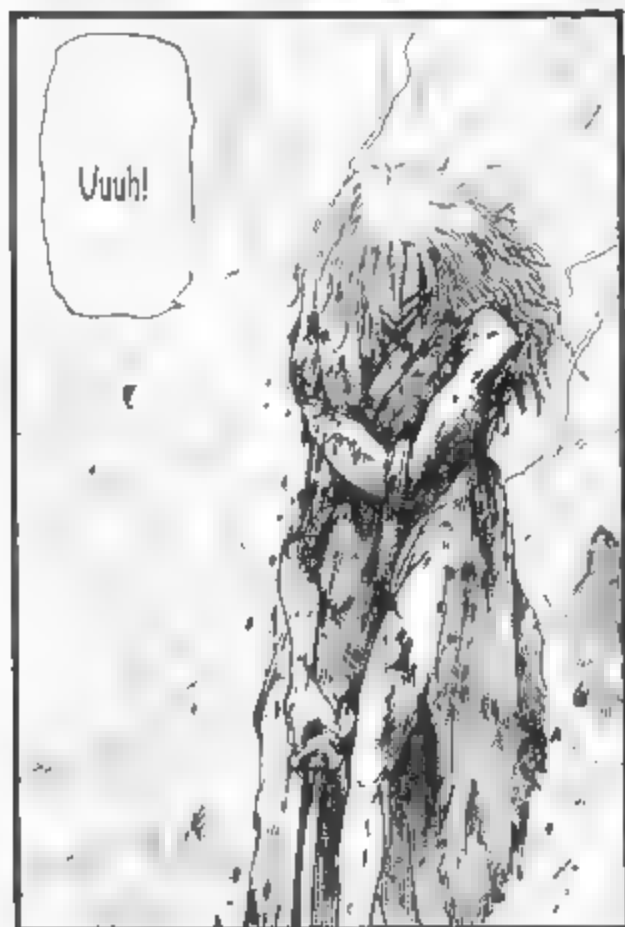
Eeek!!

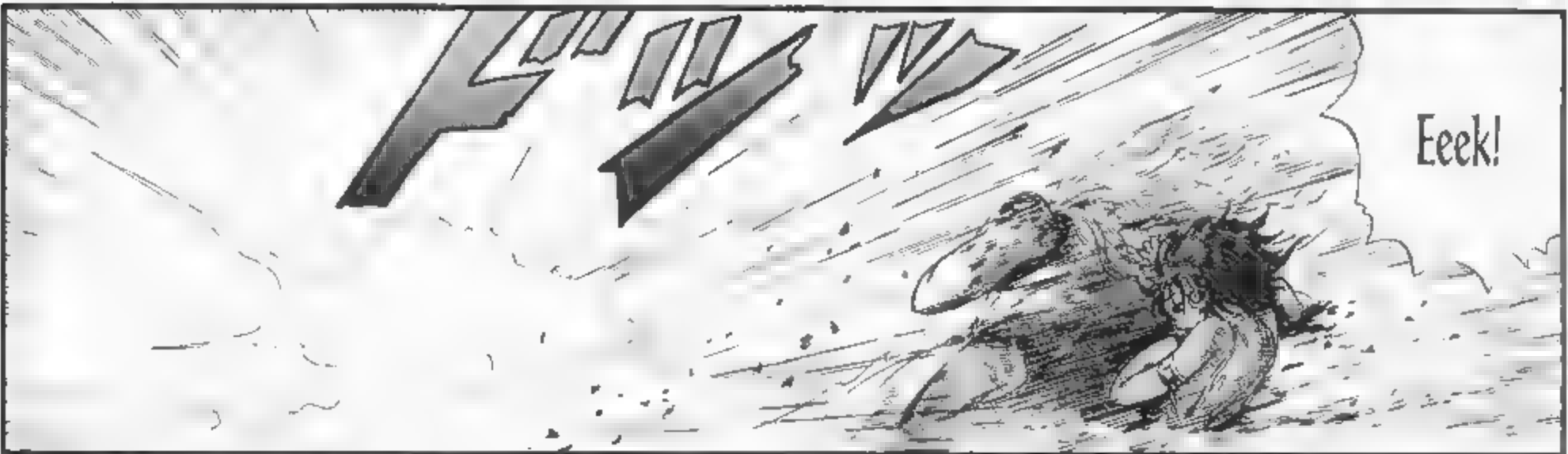
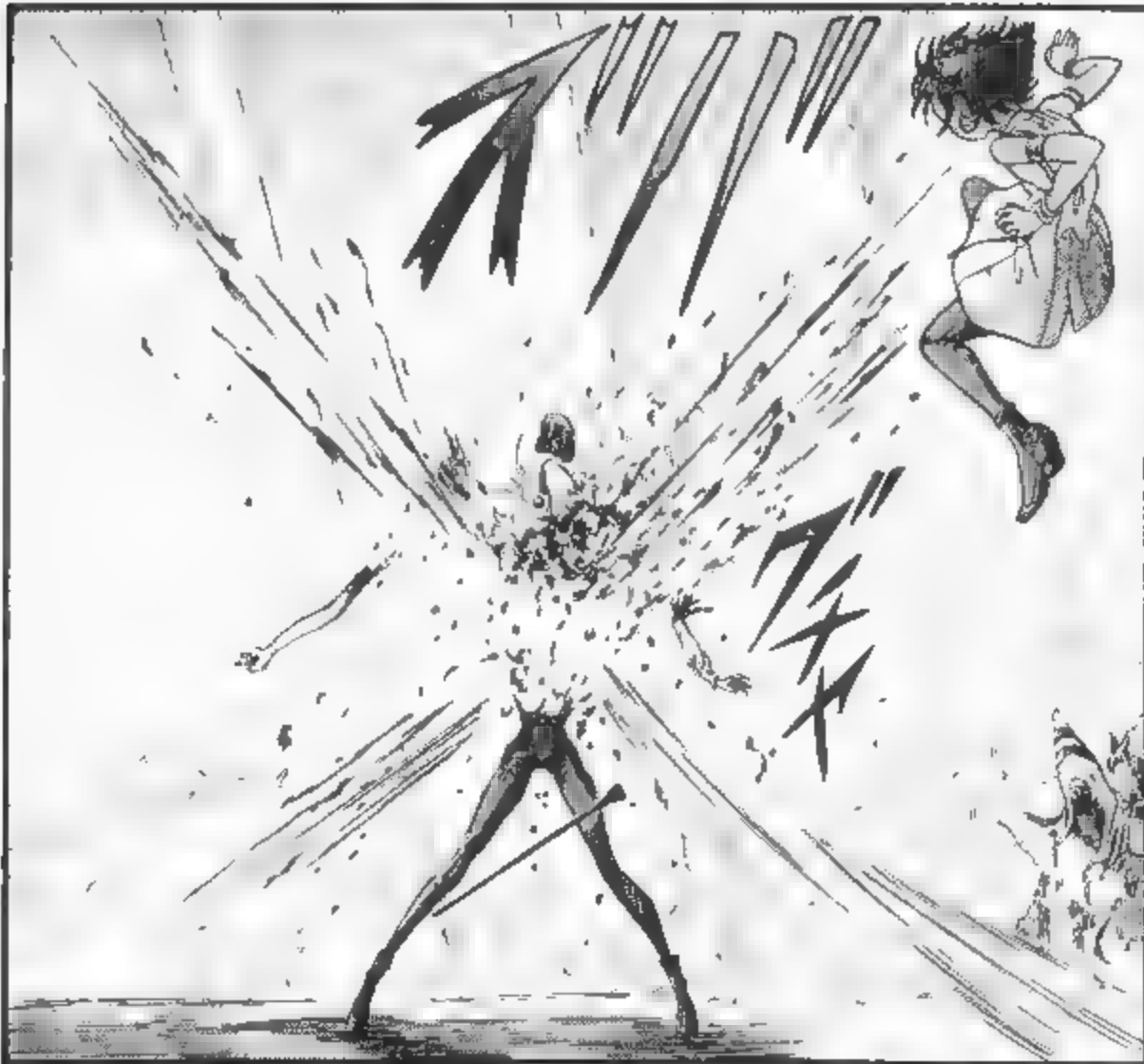


Are you
looking for me?



He-he-he-
We didn't want
to miss all
the fun...





Zoom!!
You're still
a child!!



No!!



大きくなっちゃた!

Look what you've done to me, mommy!! You ruined a hundred years of stunting my growth! I hate you... I hate you... I hate you!!

No!!



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Wah!!

I never imagined anyone else besides the Emperor could use an a as!

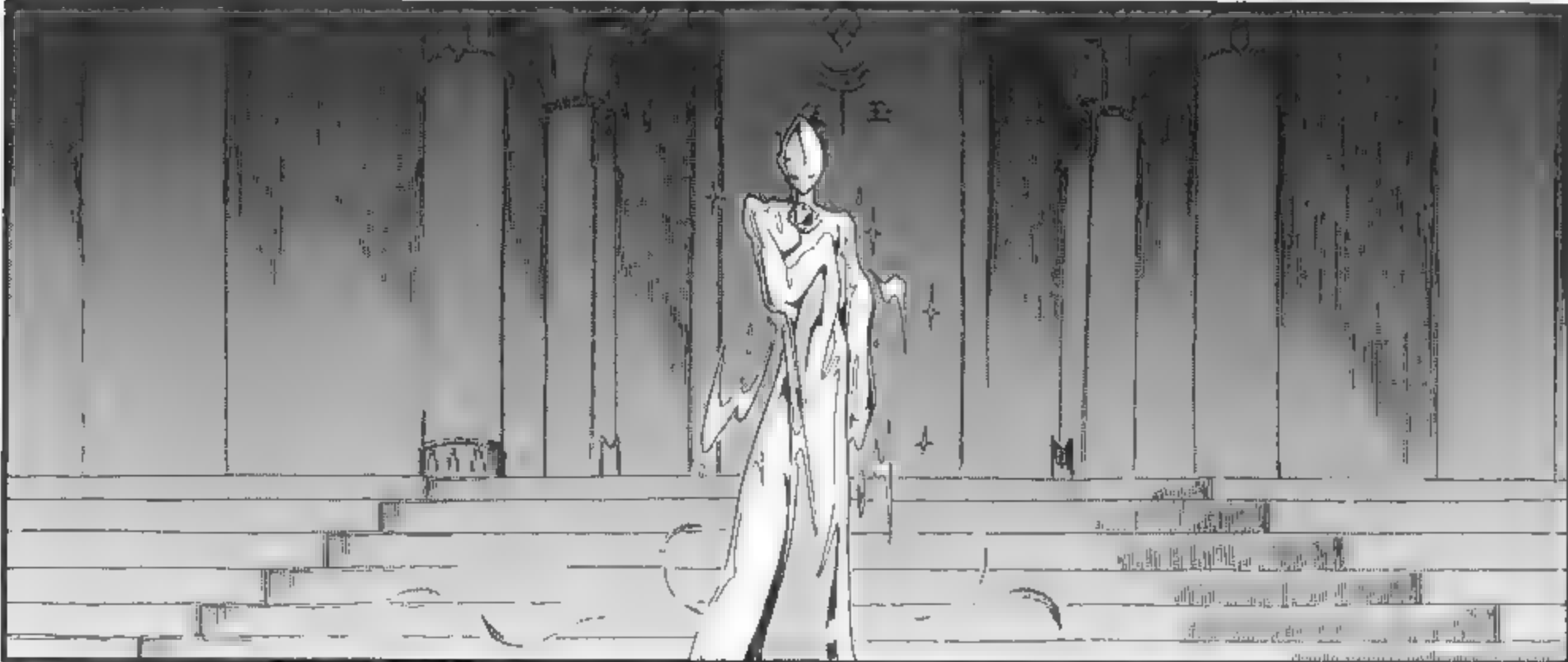
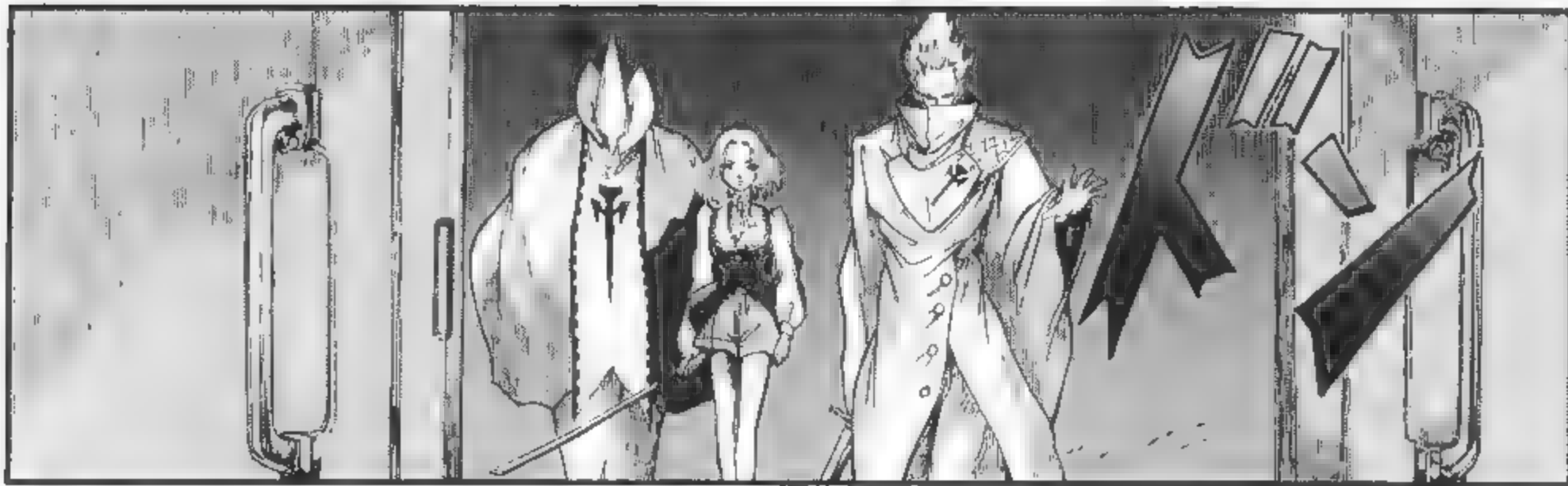
Kinky!" That was a phantom! She's changing from an illusion to her real body when attacking! Your cross mist slicer won't work!

Look at me I'll get back at you for this. If it's the last thing I do!

You can take care of her while she's on the offensive! Don't be afraid!

Prince Sarion!

I think I'll be going... Toodle-loo...



Your Highness!
Get back... Broze
and I will handle
this...



So it's
you...



Who also seems to
understand my
power well...
Come to take a first
hand look, I see...

Hmm-hmm...
If it isn't the
little prince who
directed the
troops to Décors
and Peel...

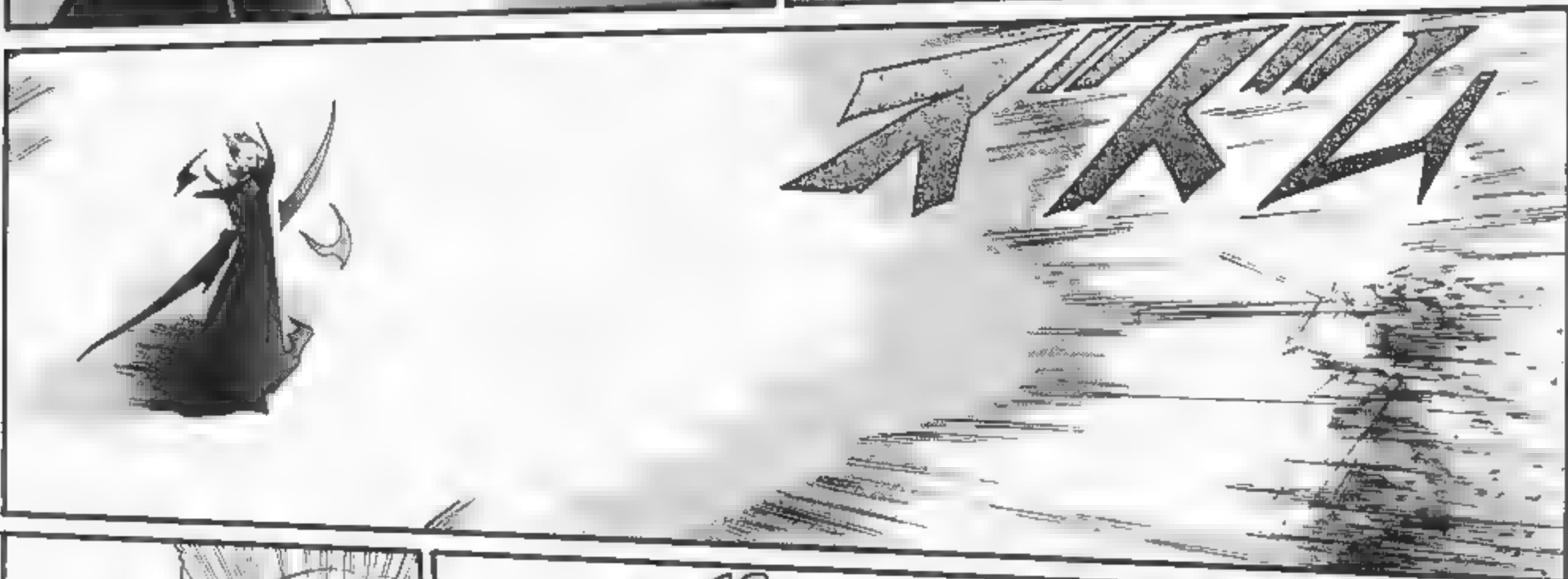
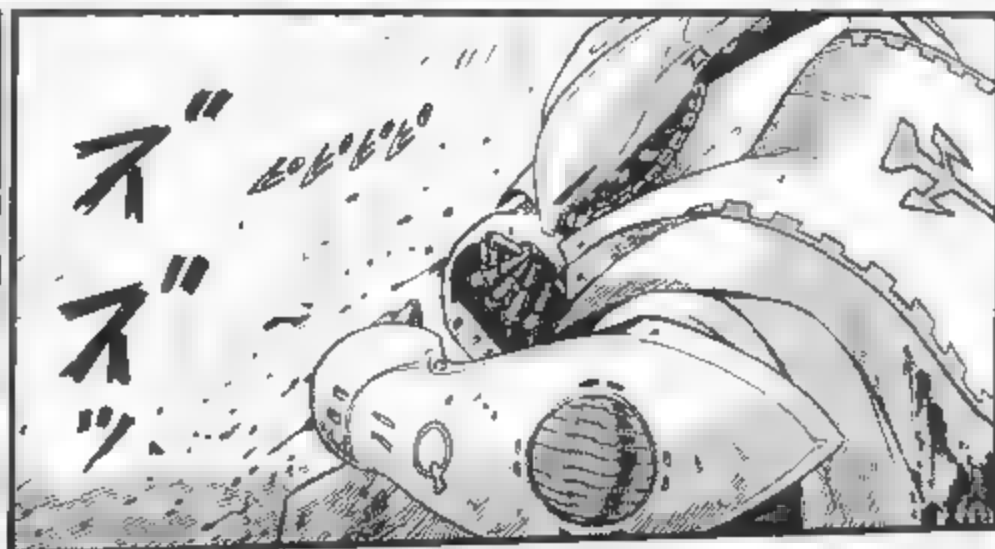
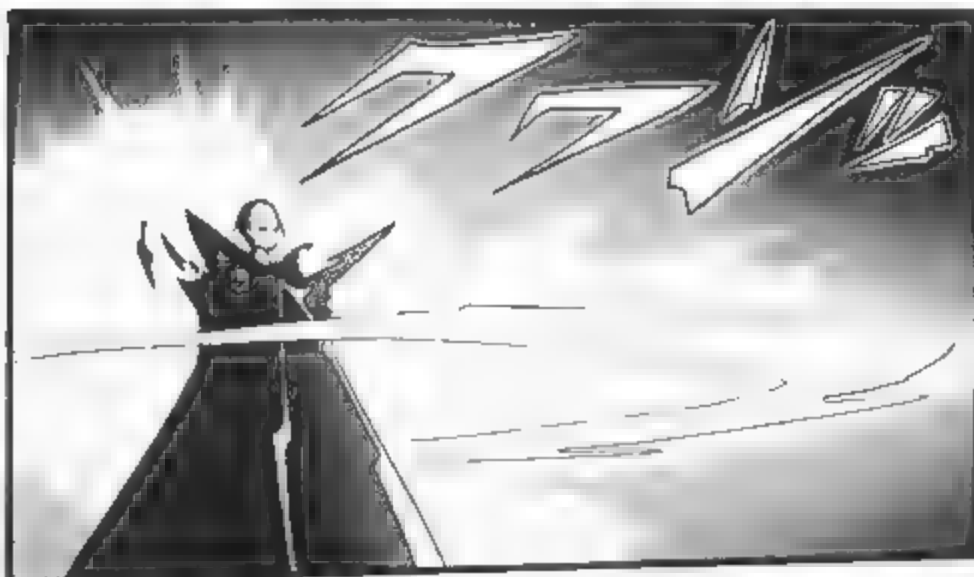
Mark of a
true ruler...

Dis Funfteen
Bosjathfort!!

I too am a ruler...
the emperor of the
Magic Kingdom
of Buchtigma .

Iyaaaaah!

Oof!!





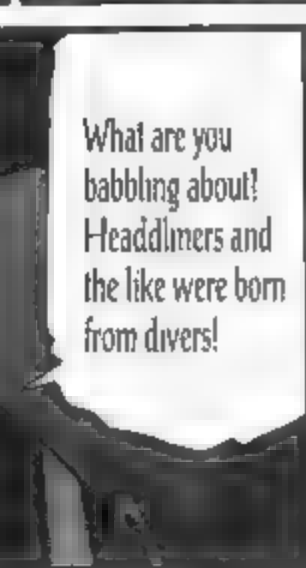
Land! He's!



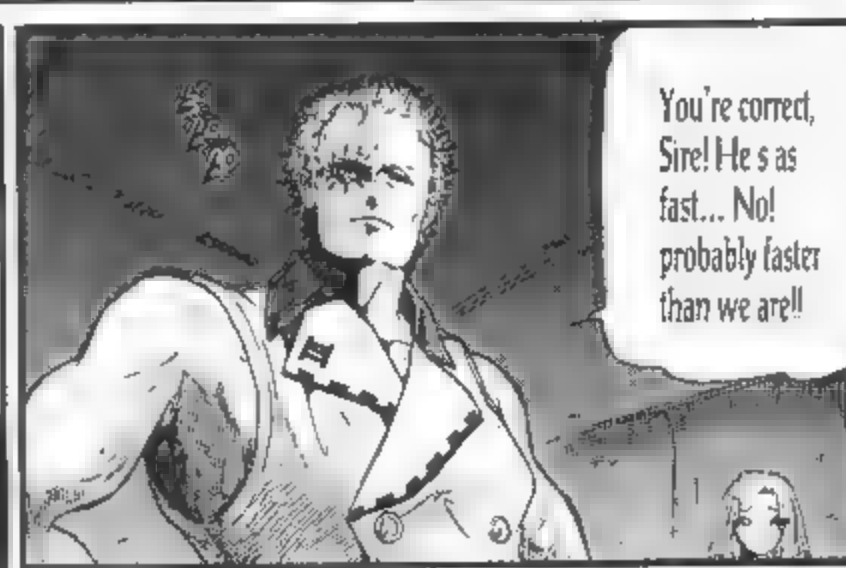
I'm late, Your Highness! I beg your pardon!



We controlled you through hibrains. Think what would happen if the imperial elite were slower than their headliner flunkies!



What are you babbling about? Headliners and the like were born from divers!



You're correct, Sire! He's as fast... No! probably faster than we are!!

The knowledge that had been kept behind closed doors for so many centuries was disseminated throughout the Galaxy, turning divers into nothing more than street corner fortune-tellers.

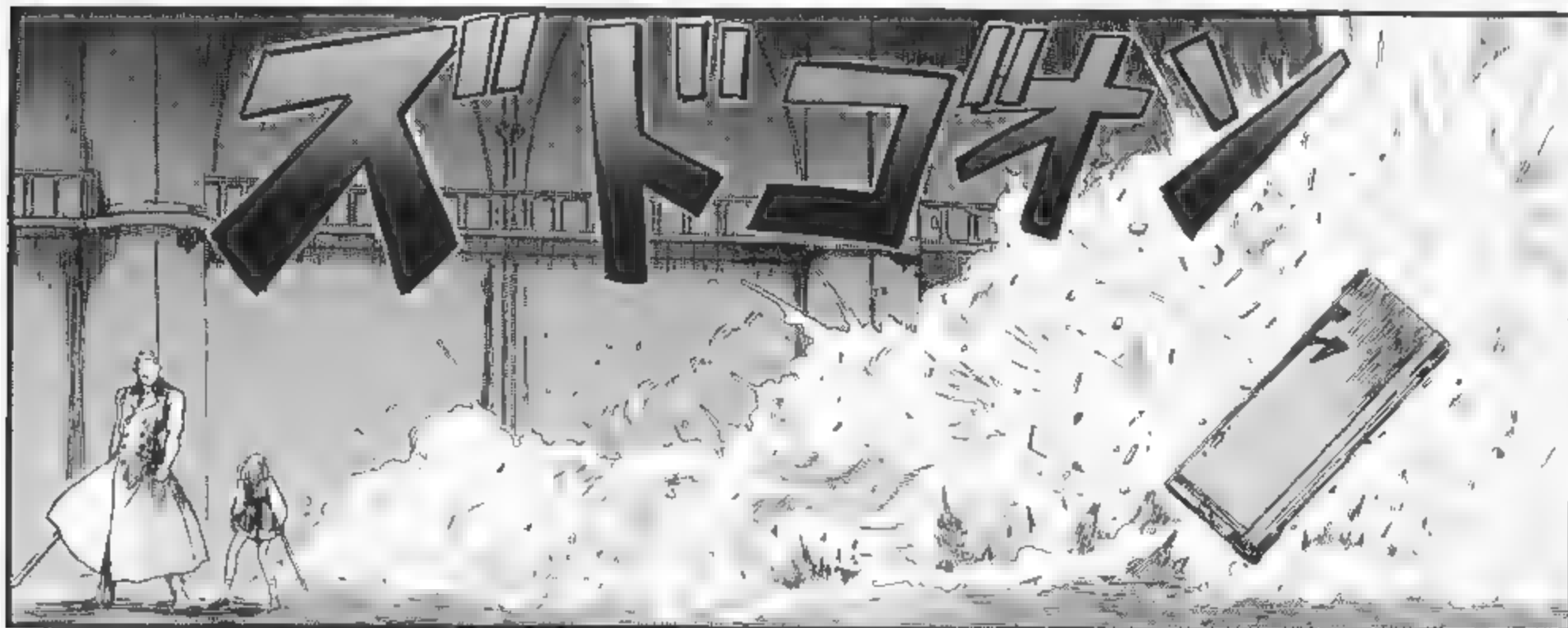
What used to be our ultimate weapons, "The Chevaliers," have weakened through the dilution of their blood into the headdliners we have today.

But then... We lost the ability to mark your bodies and control you.

I wasn't able to fight...
I just threw everyone
into confusion...

Why? It must have
been that when I
used my diver power,
he was able to read
my thoughts!!

I couldn't see
his attack, but
Land could!



*Auf daifuku habe ich
mich seit gestern
gefremt, und wegen
dieses Mistkerls muss
ich darauf verzichten!!*

*Heute gibt es als
Imbiss drei Stück
mame-daifuku...*

Copy!!

Someone's
barged in and
interrupted
his dessert!!

White Luchs! Evacuate
everyone from the
Throne Room, except
the headdliners who
are still able to fight!!

Was für ein Skandal!! Das Leben aller Ritter = der Ersten Ostlichen Mirage Divizion = mein eigenes eingeschlossen würde nicht ausreichen, um diese Missetat zu sühnen!!



Dieser Schurke Verdient nicht mal eine einzige adzuki-beans aus dem bean-paste!! Wie ist es möglich, dass so ein Taugenichts auf den Thron sitzt?

Sarion!
Hau ab!!



Stirb!!

Im Jenseits Kannst du bereuen, dass du mir das Schwert überlassen hast!!



Fashionably late!
Sorry to have spoiled the favorite part of Your Highness' meal...



He withstood the shock of Rogner's 'damned-sword'!





This will do my bidding Babiron .. Enjoy!!

This will... Skin as impenetrable as MH armor... Your sonic blades are useless!



My dear King of Babiron! I am not stupid enough to engage you in direct battle.

A monster summoned from another world!!



Yes! To you perhaps.. An art that existed long before the Amaterasu family crawled out from under some slimy rock!!



That's correct, Your Majesty! As beautiful as ever, I see.



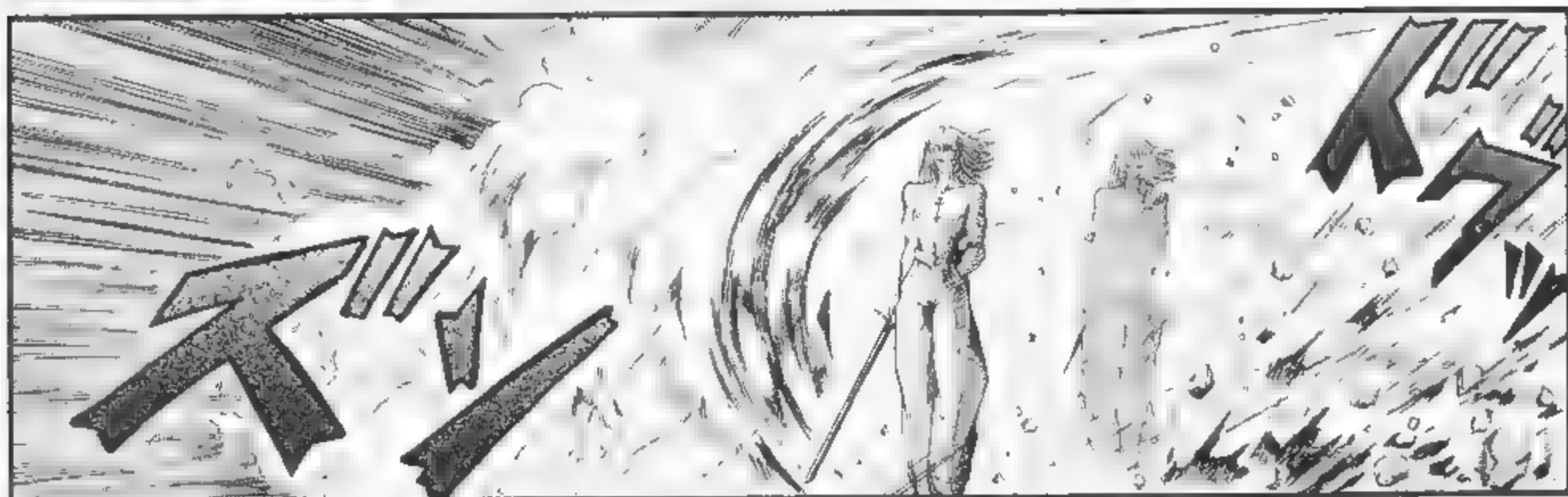
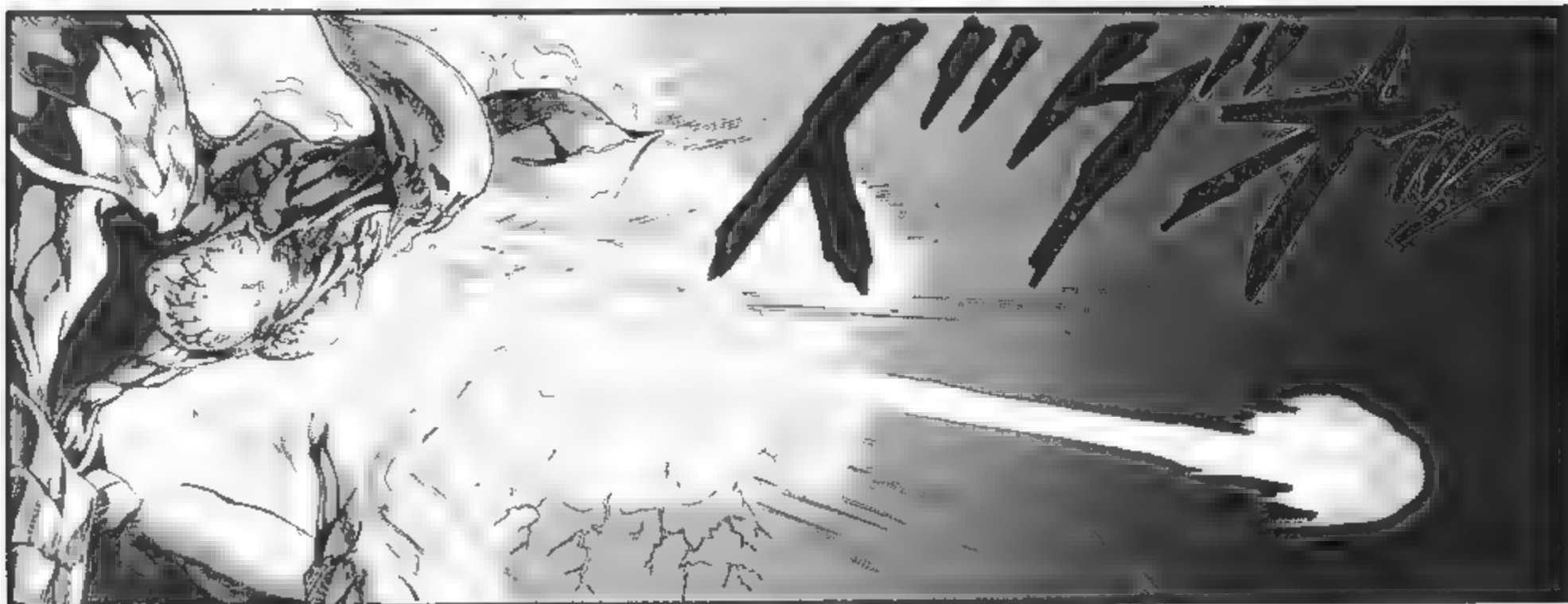
Alchemy? One of the lost diver arts...



That thing's an artificial life-form he's created with his alchemist diver powers.

Dowar Empress Mikoto!

Nonsense! Only my son is capable of doing that!





In this case, you thought a female killing machine would be sufficient, huh?

Still fooling around, as usual!! Everyone knows you could get rid of me in an instant, if you used your true powers...

Mell Rince...
No, Amaterasu!!

I'm not convinced!!

Sopp, Rince, Amaterasu... Each of us lives our own life... each of us has our own separate character!!

I came of my own accord!

In your eyes, the AKD, the Mirage Corps... We... are of no more importance than pimples on the asses of piss ants!!

No matter how many of your people are killed, no matter how your throne is defiled, you still dare not show your true self... Why!

Broze!! If you're still breathing, give me a hand here!!

In your case, the Emperor would never show herself, nor let Lady Rince dirty her hands in disposing of filth like you!!



Incendiaries
have no affect
on me!!



Rogner!!
Quickly!!
It's time!!

Whoa!!

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Land!!

Javohl
Majestät!!



There is no way
it could fend
your body sonic!!
Trust in it!!



Mmmmm...

Your Majesty!!



Ich werde dieses
Ungeheuer sofort
vernichten!!

gute nacht
Verstehen
Fack's Sohn

Untertanigsten
Dank, die Reichs
Mutter.



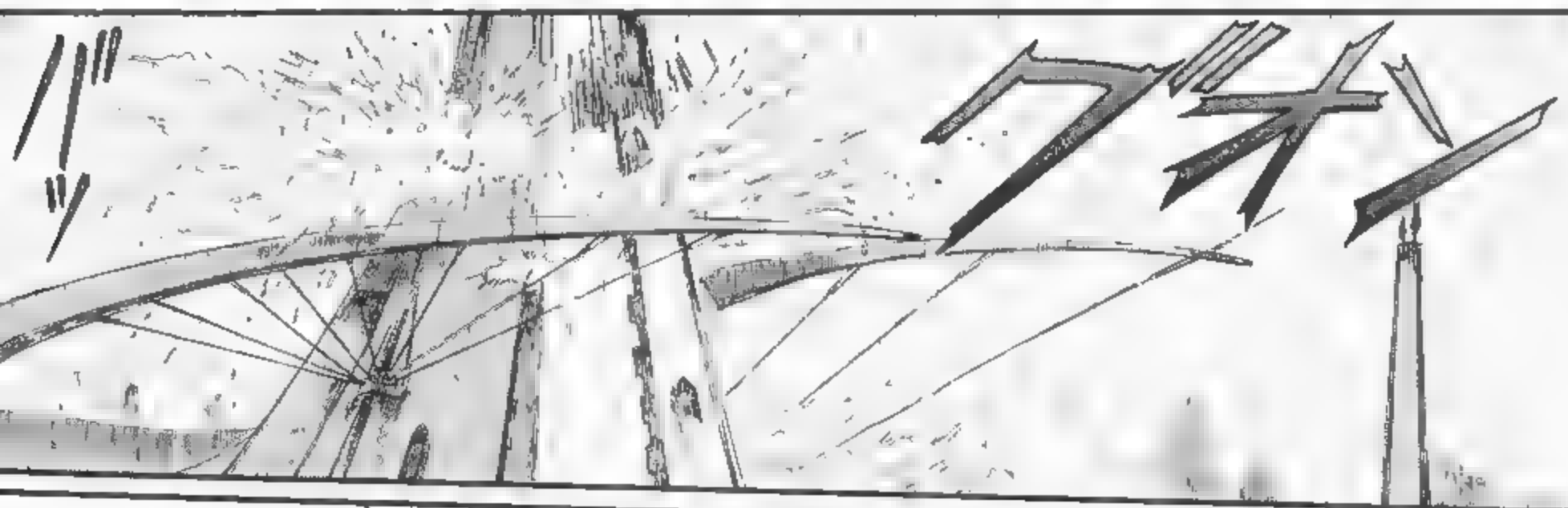
Everybody!
Get back!
Now!!



Rock'n Roll!!!

A maximum
buster typhoon!!

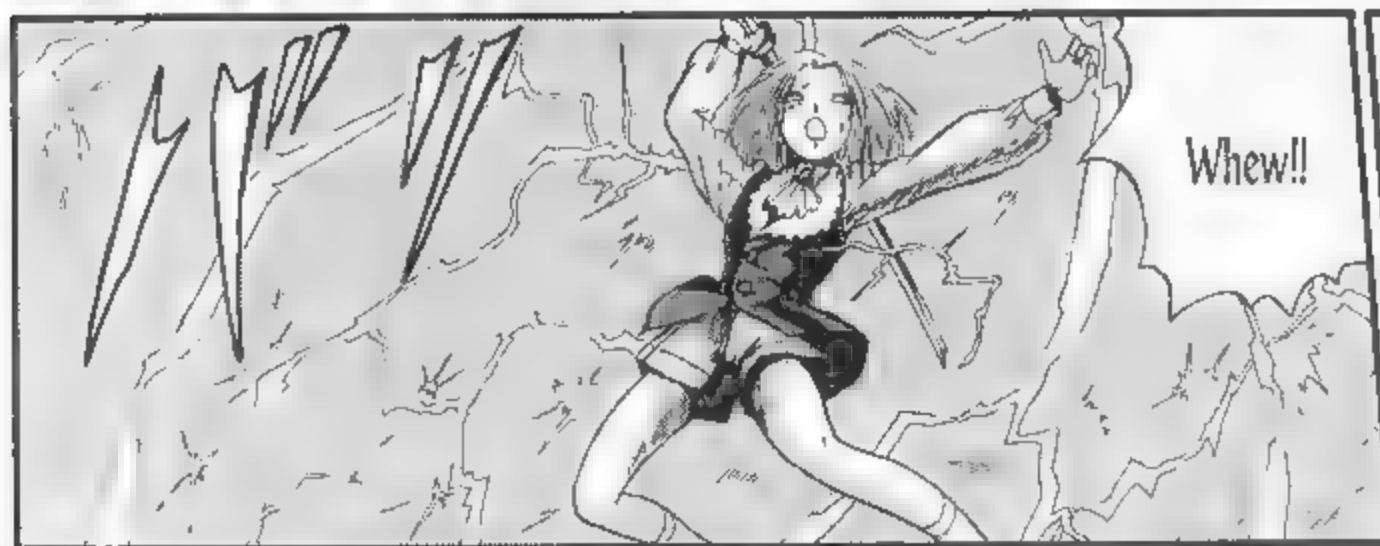
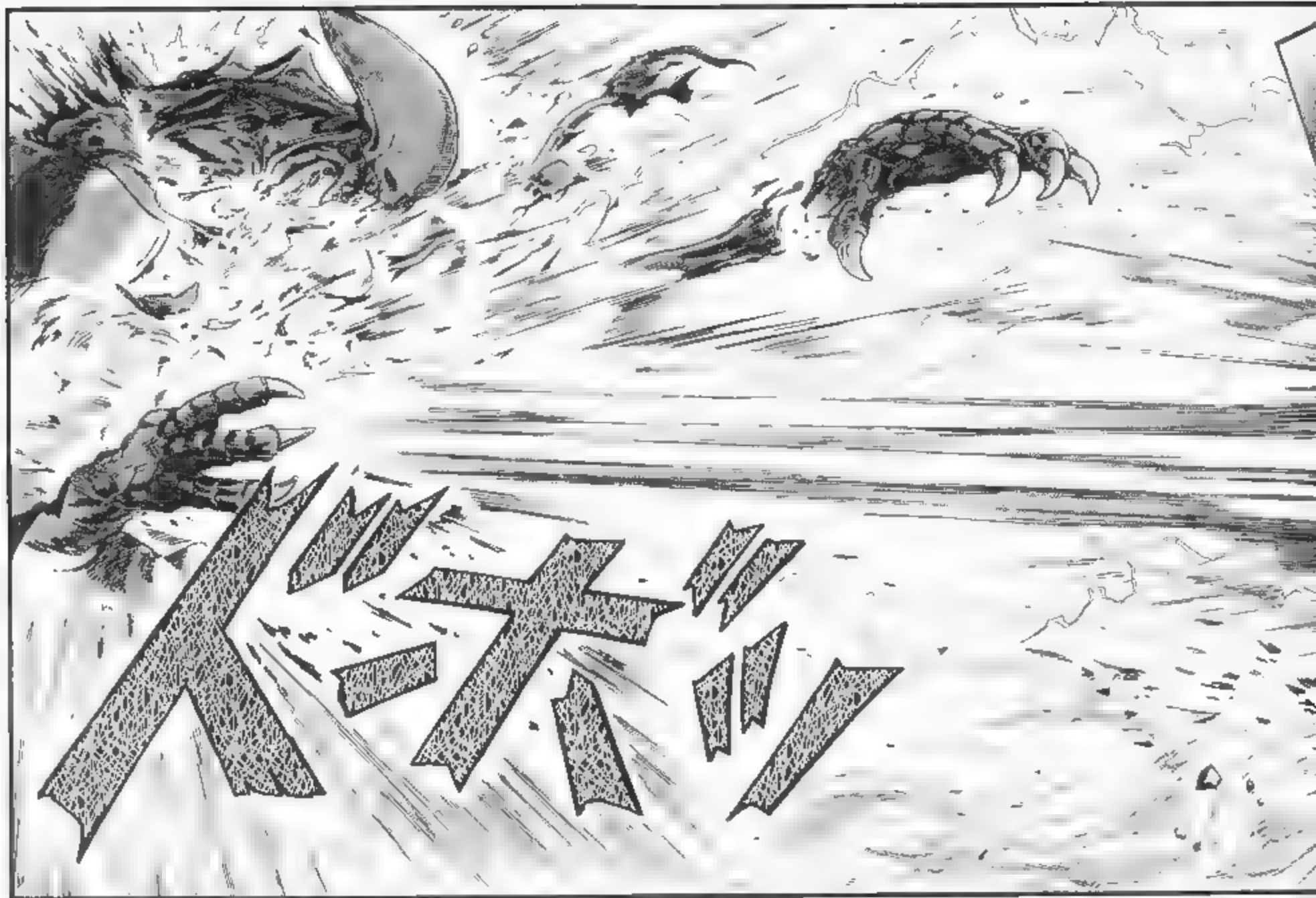




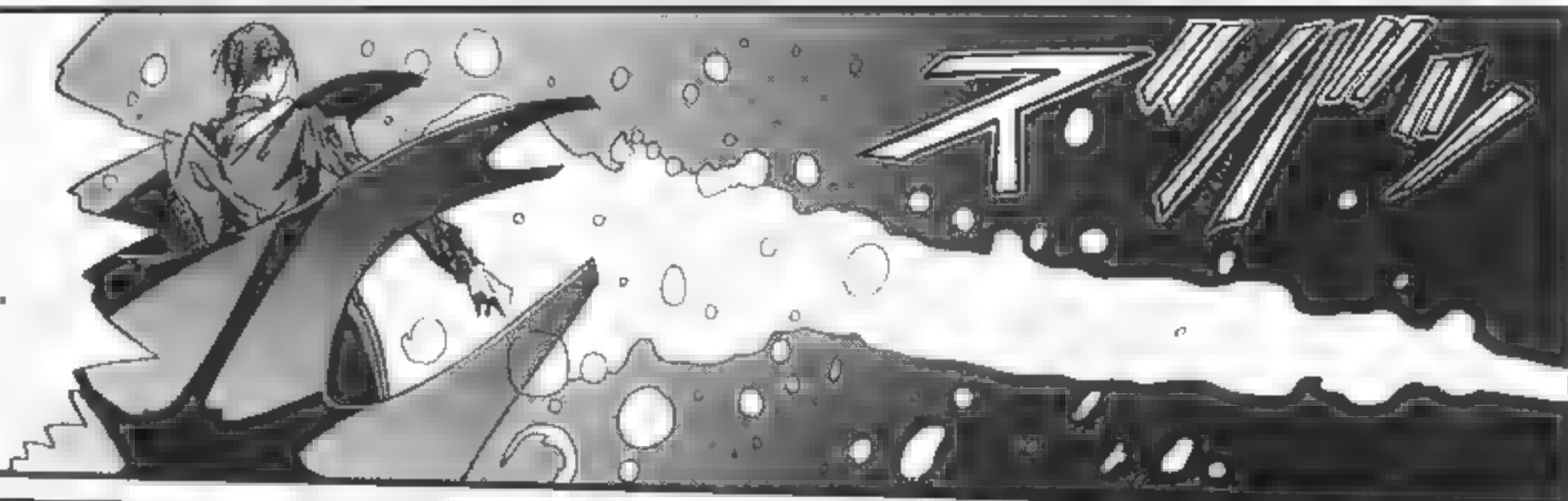
And to show my appreciation, in the name of the A.D. Super Empire, I am proud to bestow upon you the title of "The Chevaliers." Wahooooo!!!



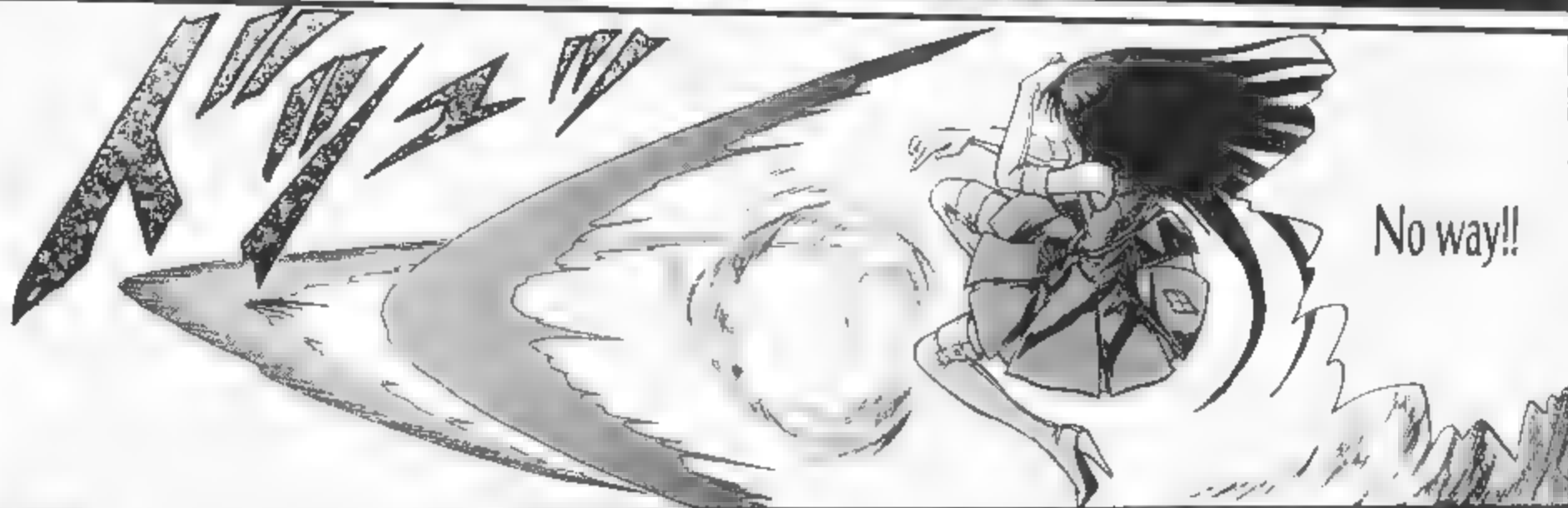
Wahooooo!! You Mirages're really somethin'!! I mean it!! Made a believer outta me!



Here's a cold
wave for ya...
Absolute zero...
Irresistable...

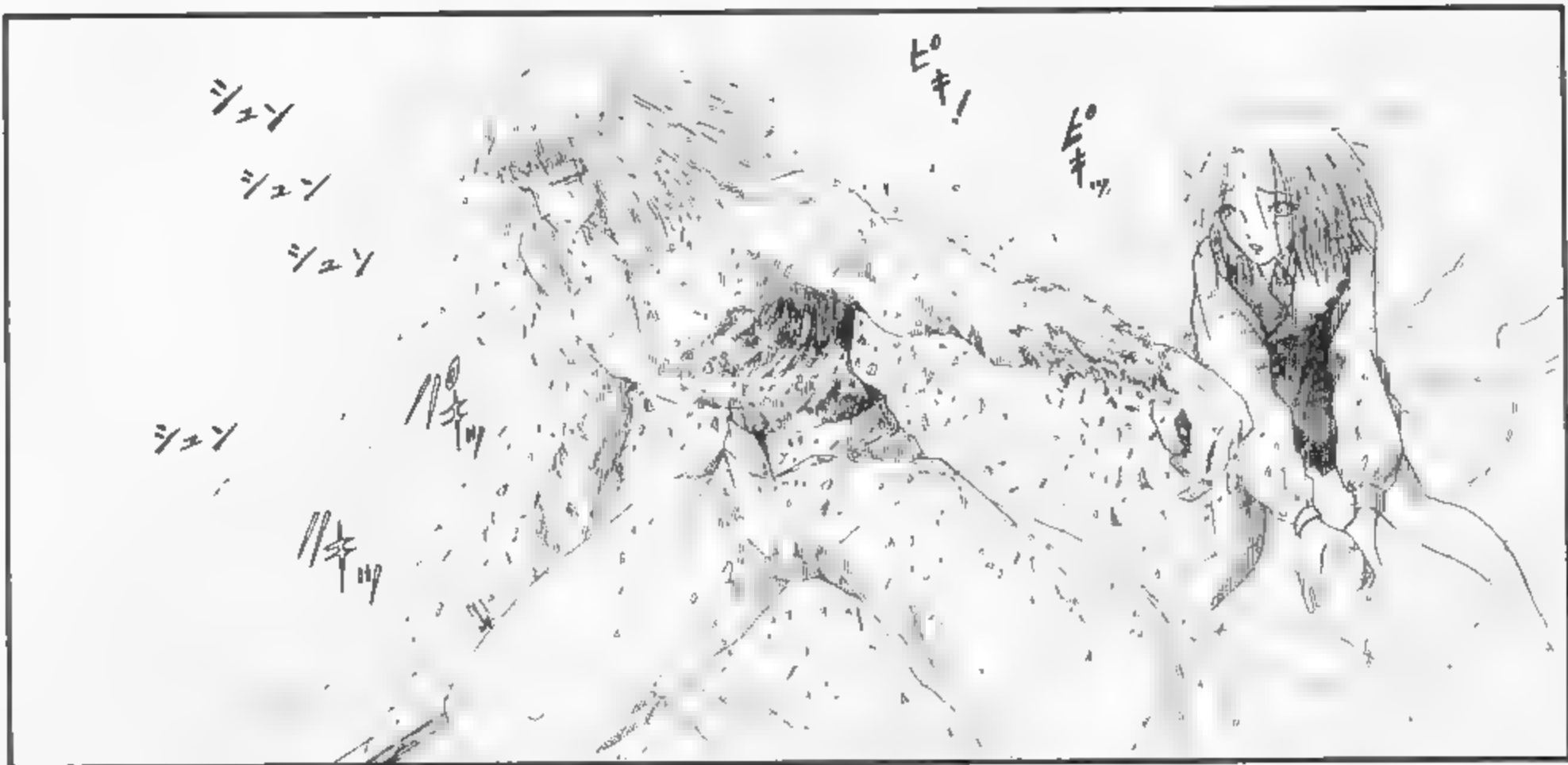


No way!!



Whoaa!!





Time to...
go...
methinks...

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My two
companions...
also have to be...
escorted... back
home...

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Hanging around
here... any
longer... may prove
taxing... even on
my powers...

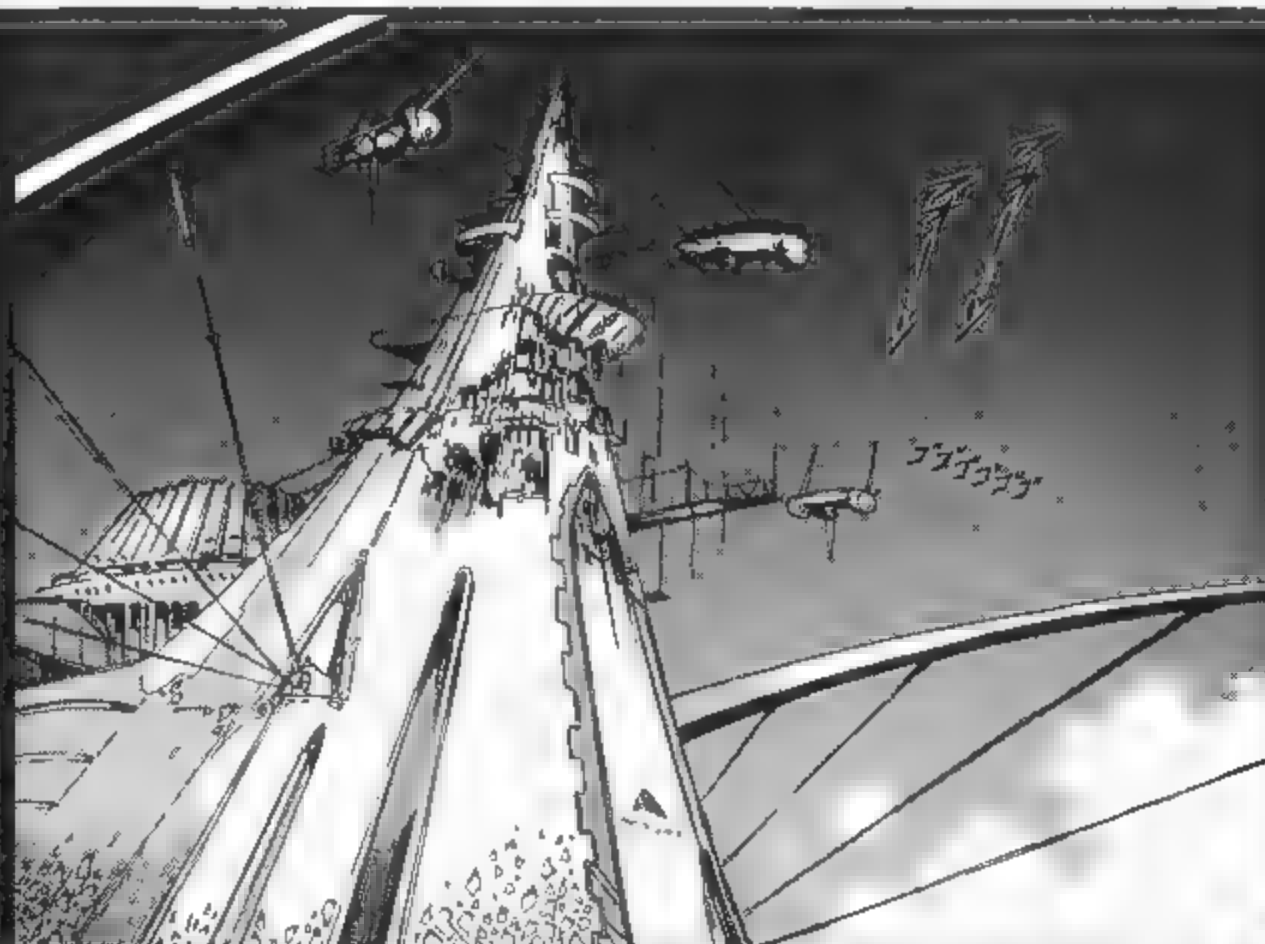
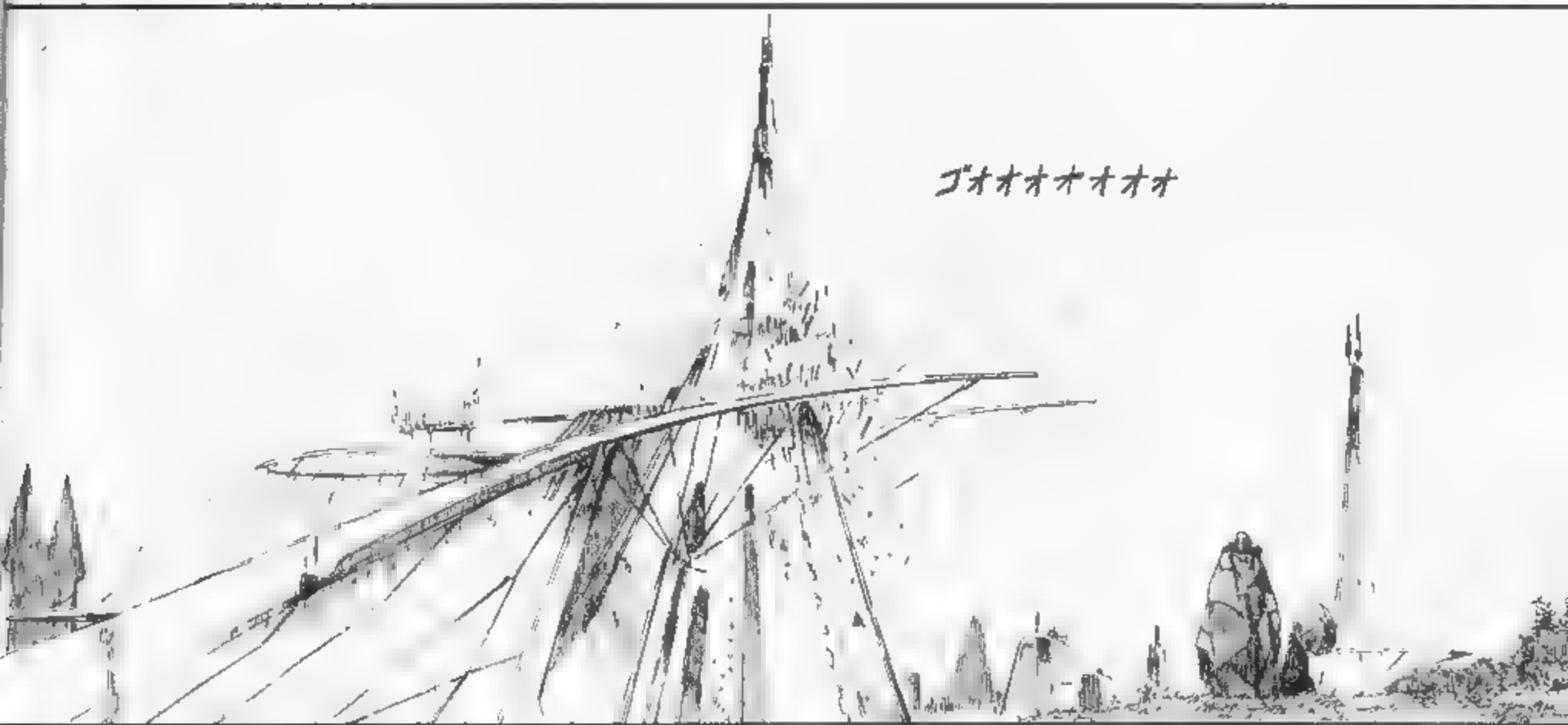
...Like a
rabbit in a
disappearing
act... Odd...

No doubt
well hidden
from view...

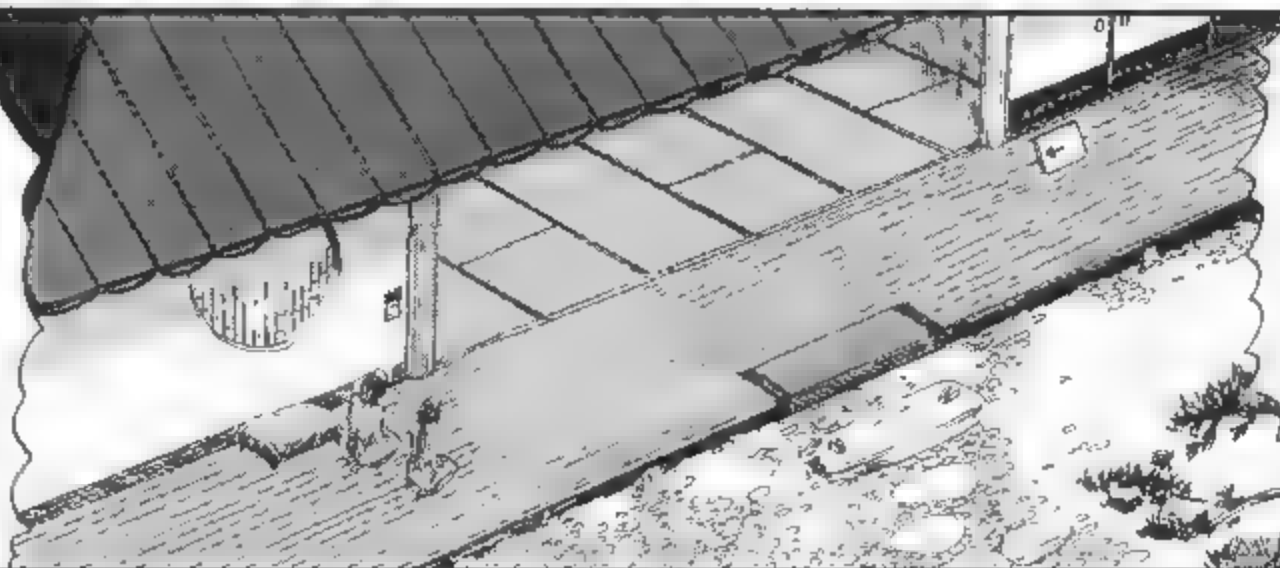
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My only regret...
is that... I was
unable to... pay
my respects... to
the Emperor's
Consort...






The people of the AKD won't stand for anything less than revenge for those who sacrificed their lives out of loyalty to you... and failure to retaliate would be interpreted by the rest of the Galaxy as a sign of cowardice!




Your Majesty! We have every right to retaliate against Buchigma! Call out the troops! Launch the attack!



Think of what you owe them for swearing eternal loyalty to you. . . Think of the AKD, whose throne has been defiled by those assassins!

The Mirages who died so valiantly would never be able to rest in peace under such a decision.


We can only praise those three for their bold and successful attempt to infiltrate the Palace and raise hell...



No action is to be taken.

What!! You must be out of your mind!!


What is saving face or being called a coward to someone like me!!



Let me ask you a question, Sarion... How many people completely unrelated to this incident do you suppose would perish if I were to call for a bloodbath in the name of national vengeance and international repute?


As for myself, I don't have to choose the simplistic ignorant paths of destruction and death employed time and again by the human race since antiquity

Lachesis won't stand for another drop of innocent blood to be spilled over this incident.



His words stink of sophistry, no more, no less.


Don't tell me you are actually swayed by what Bosjathfort pontificates about, Sarion.



And what would happen if I choose to take his challenges seriously? He would start a war that would result in nothing but unhappiness and disaster for all the people and countries concerned.

That is why taking military action to nip the scourge of Buchtgma in the bud would merely be putting the cart before horse.

...His actions end up spilling blood for no purpose whatsoever... It has nothing to do with whether I choose to take him seriously or not...



Very becoming, Master...

These are just hackneyed phrases, which even if they were to exert some influence on people, would merely go to show the hopeless state that the world is in today.

Anyway.



Majer!

Yes, Your Majesty!

This is as good a time as any... Get the Prince ready!



In place of the
Synarte Family
that you destroyed,
I hereby establish
the Emirte Family

I've longed for
this day

You are to be
known as Ikaruga,
Heir Apparent to
the Amaterasu
Family... Serve it
faithfully..

You have been
reinstated in the
family register and
from this day on will
take command of the
Mirage Corps and the
AKD Armed Forces.



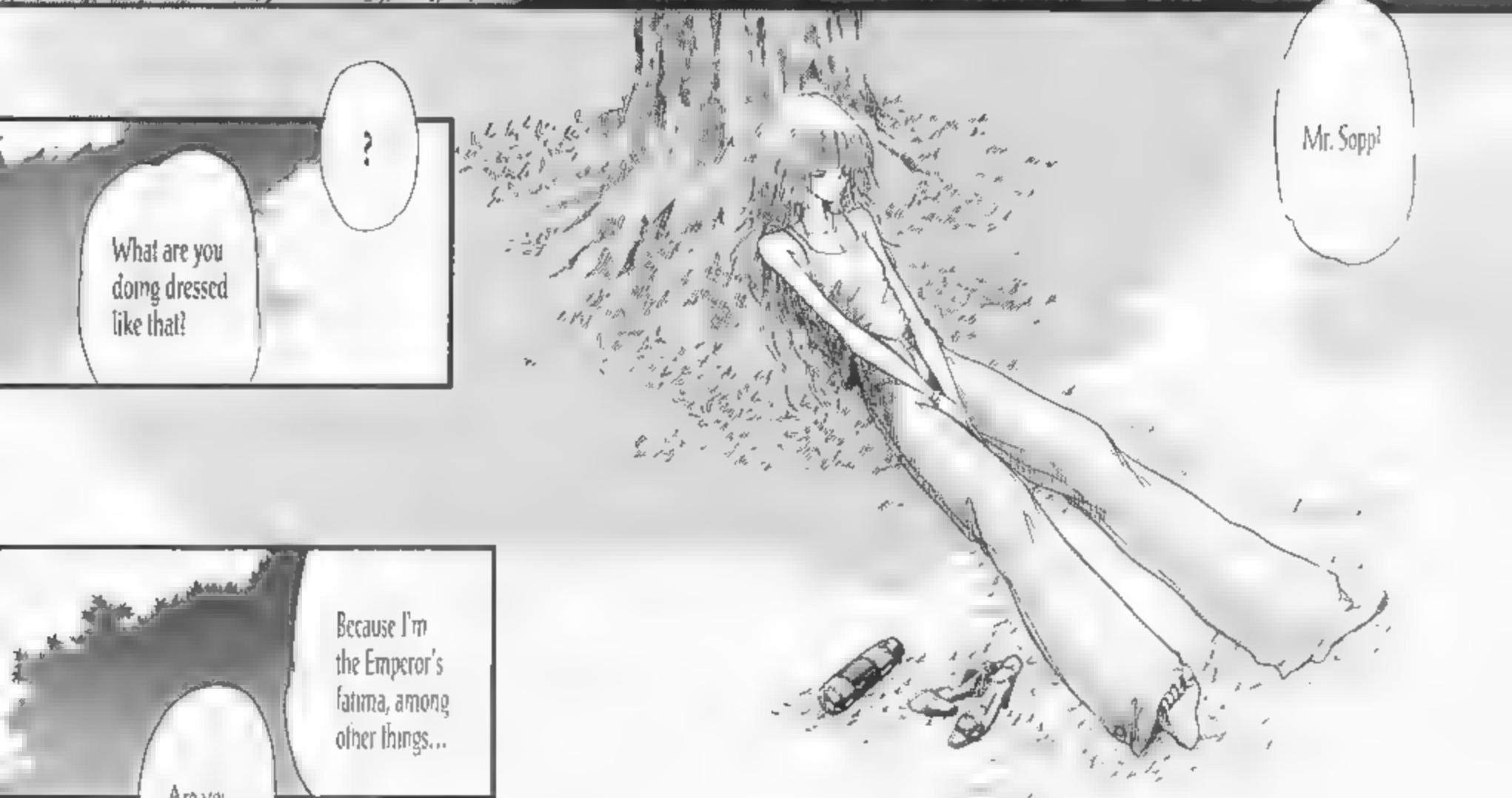
It will not be this
Family that rings
the final death knell
for Bosjathfort



On other thing,
Sario... er...
Ikaruga...

Epilogue
The Mirage Envoy
J.C. 3010

L.L.L.



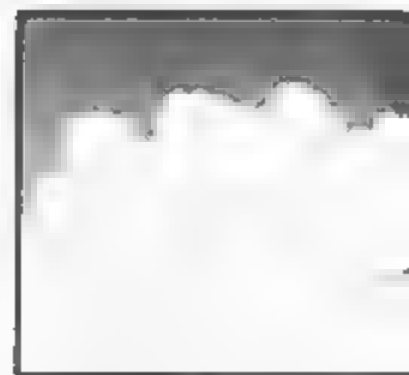
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What are you
doing dressed
like that?

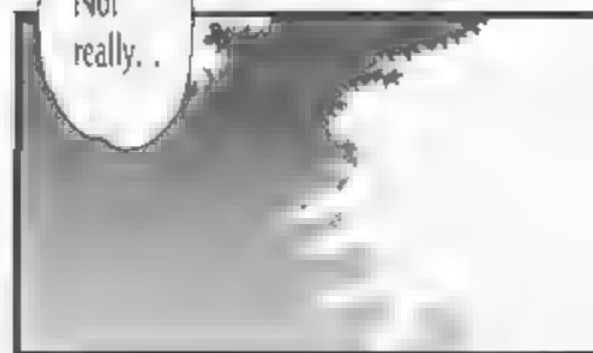
Mr. Sopp?

Because I'm
the Emperor's
fatima, among
other things...

Are you
displeased?



Not
really. .



Sopp saying he wanted to bring Ballanche back to life... Lady Sopp crying and screaming... Rince wanting me to leave it be... Agari looking upon the three of us indifferently...

It was particularly difficult when Ballanche died... You know my multiple personality...

When I'm Amaterasu, such complex things remain somewhere without being unraveled...

Especially recently...

When I'm Sopp or Rince, I tend to experience strong waves of human sentiment.

What do you mean!

In other words, we
begin cherishing
our memories of
Ballanche more
than the time
during which he
was alive...

In a few years
Sopp became able
to face the fact that
Chrome Ballanche
died in 2989...

In five or ten years, Sopp,
who had always been
such a pain in the ass,
started talking about his
memories of Ballanche
and stopped insisting on
bringing the good doctor
back to life...

Yes

Wanna hear
about it?

At first I was
worried about
where this was all
leading, but then
something weird
happened...

The fleeting memories
and the mental
fragments... Some
buried in the ground,
other flying high up
in the sky...

held by those
who survived at
the Palace... are
all gradually
fading away...

The memories
of the Mirage
Knights that
were lost so
regretfully...

Those are the
kind thoughts
I've been
concentrating
on lately



That is why I get
the feeling that I've
been looking into a
void... not seeing
the real thing...

Continue to watch
those who I have
known pass away
before me!

As for me,
someone who
has lived longer
than any human,
many times over,
will I from this
time on also...

I think that soon
all similarities and
differences will
blend together
into the Universe.



But no nymph
was born
How do you
figure that!

What!

The Feather
Dragon died.

Magdall!
You mean
Kuen's

Magdall
understands...
Amazing!

What!

I'm gonna go
have a talk
with Magdall
now.

Uh-huh.
You'll have to
excuse me
Lucky

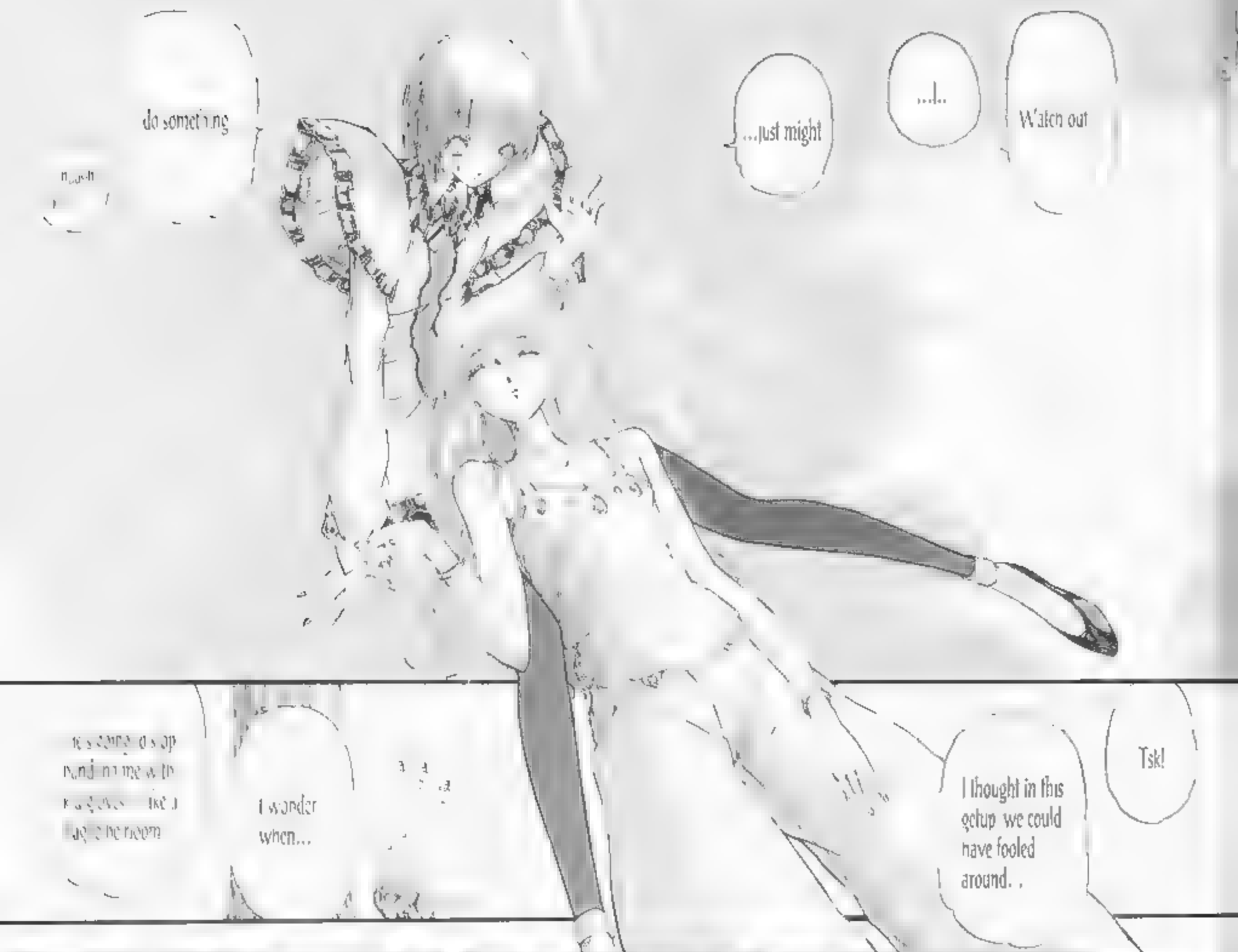
Mr Sopp!

Huh!

ty!

Majes.

Your.



do something

...just might

...just might

....

Watch out

It's coming out of
my hand in the air
like a... like a
... like a... like a...

I wonder
when...

I thought in this
getup we could
have fooled
around. .

Tsk!



Hey Haid!
Where is
Lord Depre!

Sir Gira



And I'm
Hinnei
Mondalla...

I... I'm Ardeo
Zniyatta...

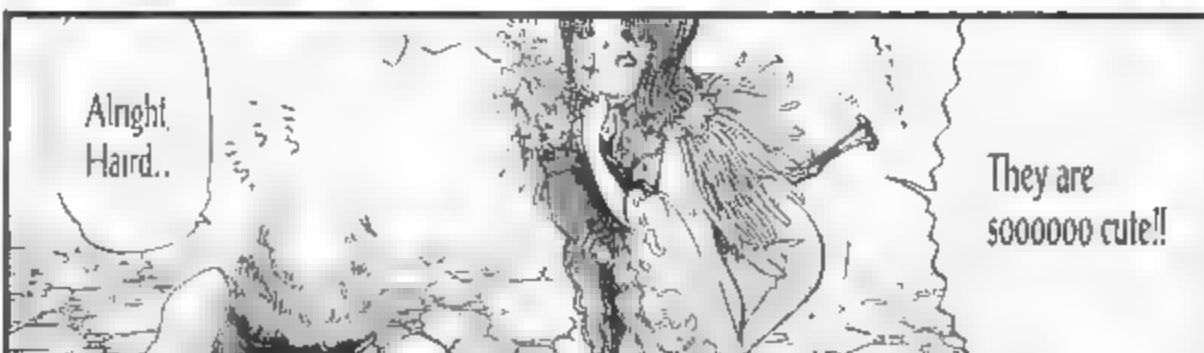
Introduce
yourselves to
Lady Hard
Grover of the
A'P Knights.

I thought they
could make friends
with Lord Depe...
They're about the
same age...



And who
would these
two charming
little ones be?

He accom-
panied Lady
Magdall to visit
the Balounga's.



Alright,
Hard..

They are
soooooo cute!!



For now,
at least..

I know, but these have
been named the masters
of Dr. Morard's newest
creations, Capricorn and
Everest...





What's a sword sage gotta run away from?

Ever since Lady Ballanche arrived, he's been nowhere to be seen!

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Doesn't fit the profile ..

Who woulda guessed? Balounga of all people. . . Being a k.d.'s favorite...



By the way how's the Commander doing?

If he wasn't for real, Magdall wouldn't have anything to do with him... Much less cuddle up to him like she does...



What's the matter?

Now that you mentioned it...



Everybody's got something to do but me



We're putting in a large order for sparkus, spanuds, sparauls... Inform the division commanders that the golden age of spied fencing has been put on hold...

I got an answer from Mayor Suzuka!



Kid, huh! All I can see is a good looking young woman!!

おおーっ?

You're the one who's full of it! I never laid a finger on that kid, Maggey!!



Tryin' to stay outta sight while Lady Ballanche's .. What are you afraid of? She's your woman, right?

You're so full of shit!

I'm Meeth
and always
will be...

Your Ladyship!
Please don't call
me that...

How've you
been, Aixo?

Fine, thank-you.
And we are so
proud of Your
Ladyship's
accomplishments
as a knight!

He doesn't
want to stand in
the way of your
brilliance.

How's...
um... your
master?

He's
avoiding
me.

So

...and when my mother
was killed on Tyxaihigh,
I thought that my future
had been decided...

I had lost
my father on
Karmanto...

It was only after
he rescued me
that my life began
to change

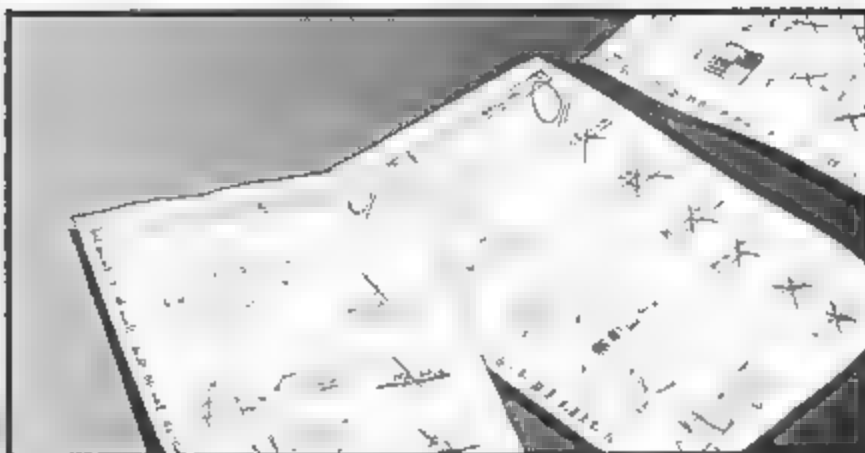
...is a letter from
your principal...
You've got some
explaining to do,
young lady...

What I
have here,
Meeth.

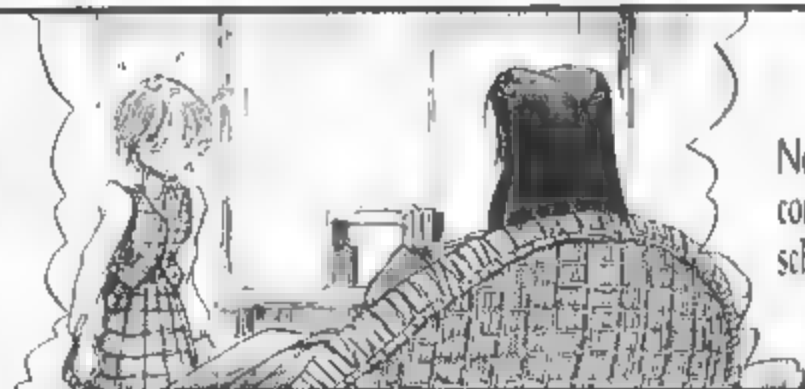
In calculus, you have to show how you reached the correct solution...

$0 < C < 1$ $f_0(x) = -x$
 $f_1(x) = f_0(x) + \int_0^1 f_0(x) dx$
 $f_2(x) = f_1(x) + \int_0^1 f_1(x) dx$
Q: $f_n(x) = ?$
Ans: $-4x^3 + 3x^2 - 2x$
Non!

All of your test answers are correct, but they've received no marks, because you wrote only the answers.



But I've never cheated on an exam!



No! I didn't complete grammar school, maybe...

All I have to do is read them and I know the answers...



Why does everybody have to use all these weird formulas and calculators to figure out the problems?

I'm sorry... I should've spent more time tutoring you



I guess the Royal Academy proved to be difficult for you...

Are you accusing me of cheating?!



You're treating me like the teachers at school!



Sunday of course! Why?

980 years ago on January 21st!

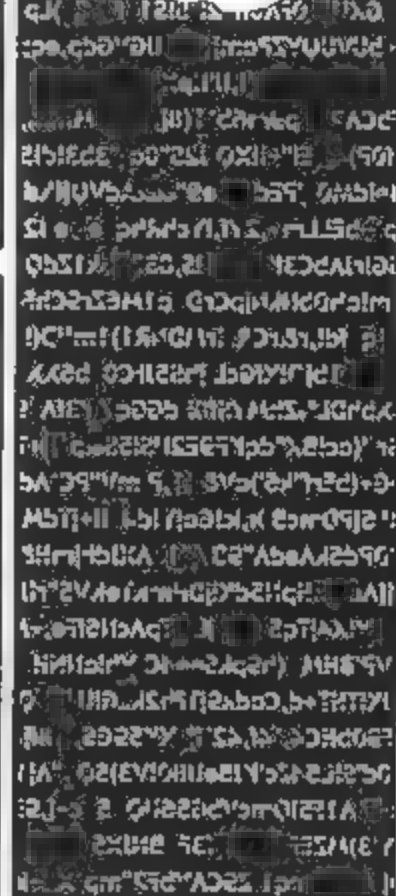
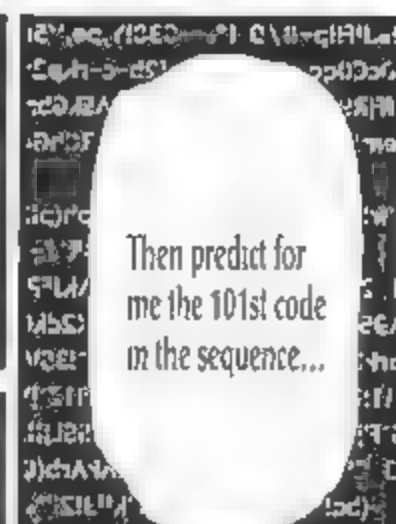
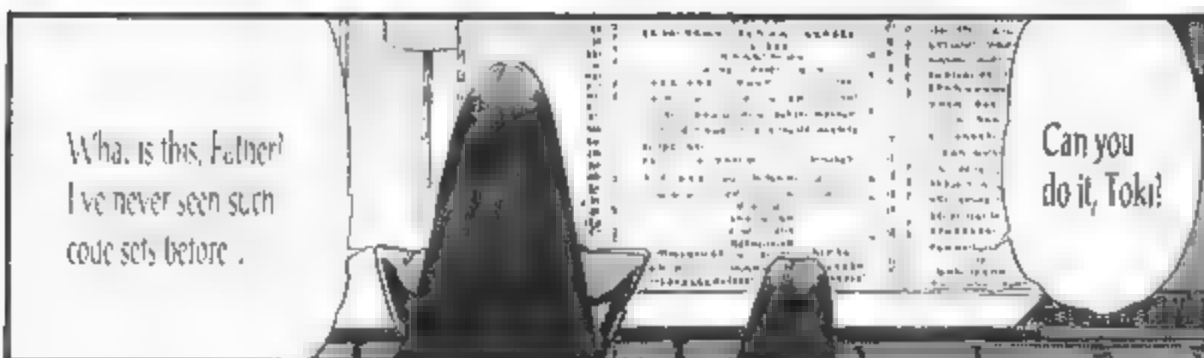
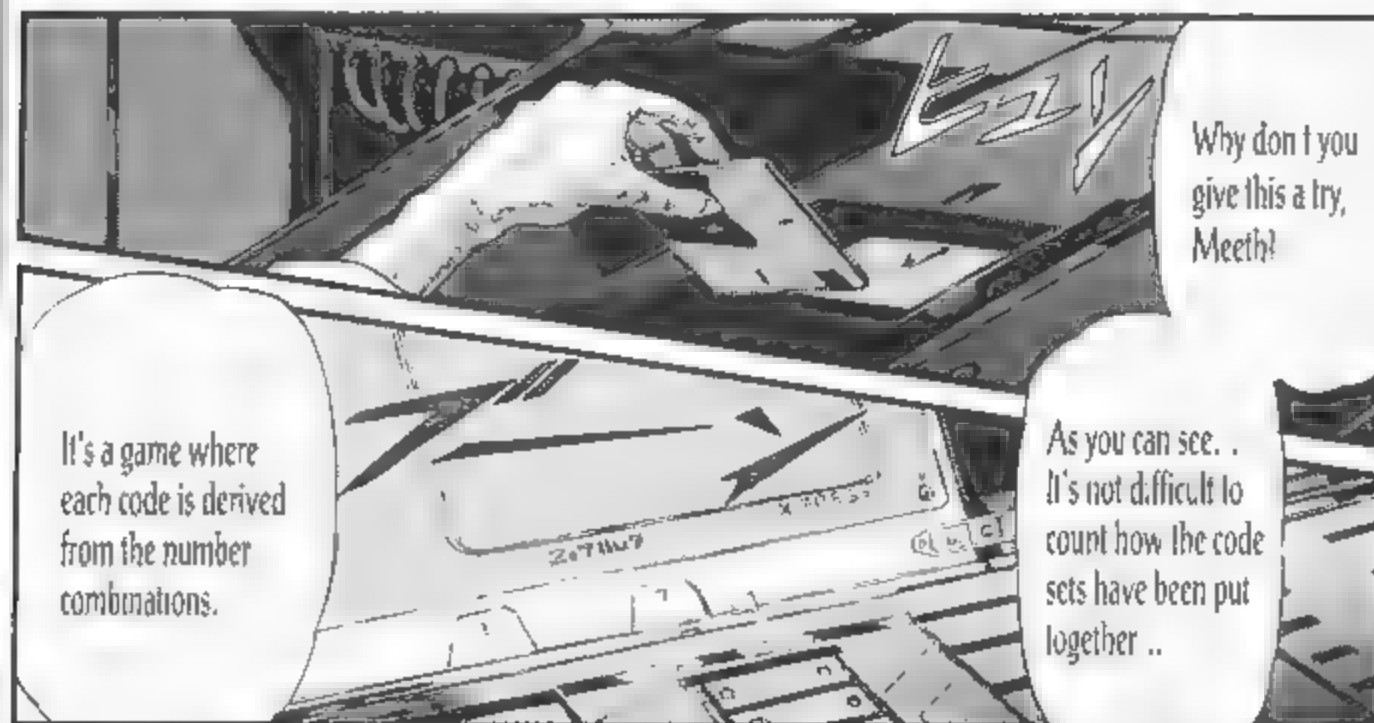
Which day of the week was it?

Okay Meeth Tell me...



Her answer is correct







You've just solved an anatomical code that only I have been able to decipher thus far.

Our solutions match

Hmmm... Well done.



There is no one in the whole Galaxy who can teach you anything more about math or physics.

But I regret to tell you that.



Accepted!!

Please forgive me, Meeth... For suspecting you of cheating.



You are a bona fide meight!

You and I are the same kind of person.

It is very rare to find someone who can instantly calculate many-digit numbers and solve complicated equations. There are also those who can ascertain dates back to antiquity to which day of the week, despite the existence of leap years. Such talents are not the result of rote memorization, but instant data processing. No one can explain the structural make-up of such people, whom we earthlings often refer to as geniuses. However, similar people who have appeared on Joker possess a genetic heritage originating from the diver power, "Ichemy," formed during the A.D. era. Only people with such a talent are qualified to become meights.



One is to entrust you with my name. . The other to hand over these codes to you...

There are only two things left for me to do for you before I die

And it won't work with fatimas... Only on omnipotent cells capable of meiosis... You set it up by writing it into a human ovum...

This is a special application that is programmed into the genomes of human genetic tissue. The form isn't even completed yet...

I don't have enough time left to complete them...

If you are able to complete the program, I would like you to name the offspring "Maximum."

Maximum will be my 46th opus on the theoretical level... and your first masterpiece...

These embryos are capable of strength surpassing even the Chivaliers of the A.D. age... but the success rate is less than 10%, since fertilization and conception are near impossible.

I am also not sure whether or not a being born from the program could ever be controlled

It is triggered when the ovum is fertilized. The data is then continually transmitted to each embryo during oviduct mitosis.



If the seller would have found out that it was for Prince Depre of HATHUHA, he would have charged me an arm and leg.

I found it in Izumo... It's one of Hietsai's forgings.

For me!

Ha ha-ha... Still have to use two hands, see...

Ugh!

Balounga always drives a good bargain...

Stop saying yucky stuff like that, Magdall!!

I bet he's killed at least 3000 people with it!

But it's true... Dad's black spadd is all covered with blood! P-U!

Ooops!

Whoaaa!

Hmm You have a good sense of swords, Balounga... This one's never killed anybody!

Yo! Yo-!!

Welcome back, Balounga!!

Oo .



And you know what? ...Lady Ballanche really likes him, too!

Well... He knows Lady Ballanche is here and everything... but won't go to see her.



Uh-uh... I was kicking Dad out of hiding.

Where've you been? With Mugumica?



It's not nice to go around babbling it to everybody...

Listen, Magdall! No matter how well you can read people's feelings...



Delta Belun's Emperor Amaterasu..

Actually .. Depre Someone came to visit me.

Who?



Actually, there's someone here to see both of you.

Now, now... Calm down, you two...



You remember telling me to go and find one, don't you, Magdall?

A headliner I met on my way back...



Honest! You never believe me!!

You liar!

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Because your white sword is going to protect us from the black one...

And you can bring what you think is the Galaxy's most beautiful mortar head with you.

The... the most beautiful MH in the Galaxy is Mom's Empress, silly!

Madgdaaaaaall!!

What's the matter, Your Highness?

Wah! Wah! Wah!

A true super master. Knowing the blood-chilling consequences of such a maneuver. Even your father's not exempt!

Might be something Lady Lemarah once taught me. It's called Mom's Special Love Kick.

I'll try, but I think the only thing someone like me could be able to show someone like His Highness...

And teach Depre how to use a sword, okay? My Dad won't teach him anything!

Look!

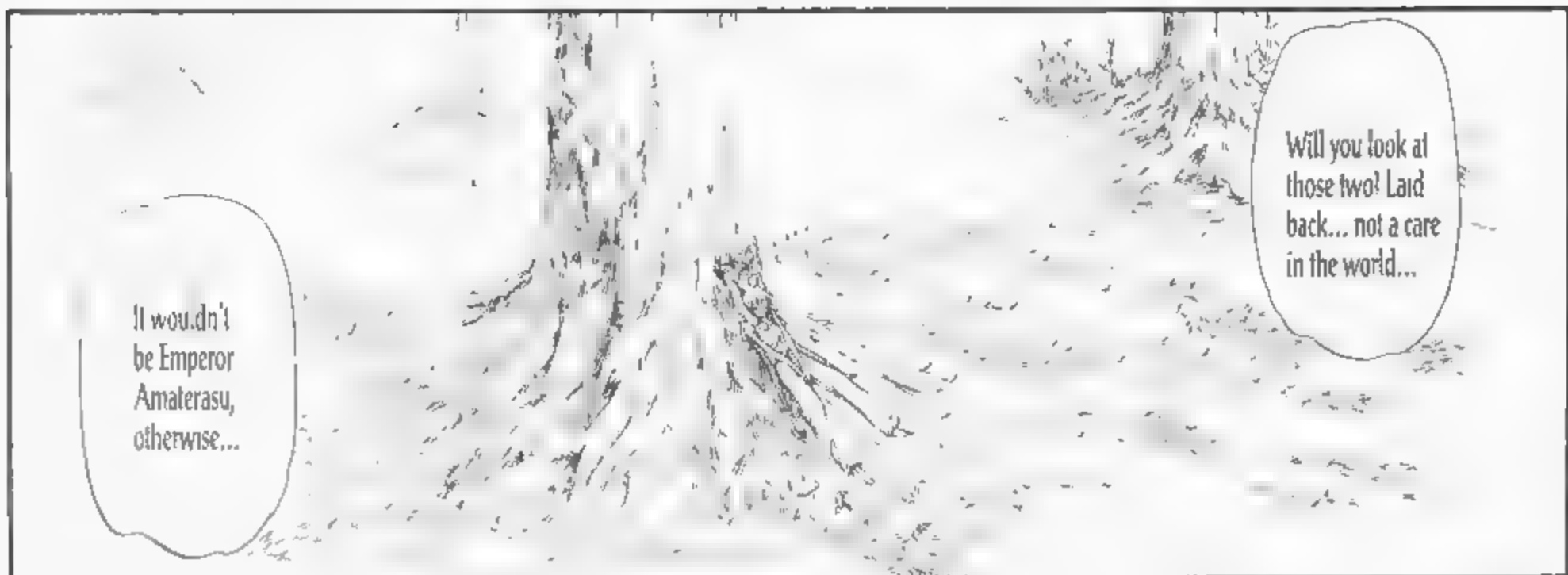
Blowing
away all the
stagnant air!

The wind!
It blowing
through
Hathuha!!



It wouldn't
be Emperor
Amaterasu,
otherwise...

Will you look at
those two? Laid
back... not a care
in the world...



The Atowight's
Lie Ex is dead..
The quest for the
LED Mirage put
on hold...

The ranks of
the Mirage
Corps have by
all intents and
purposes been
decimated.

Sarion's been
named Crown
Prince, but
he's hardly up
to the task...

It's gonna take
30 years or so
for old Rogner
to thaw out..

Although Waschaa
has succeeded her
as Codante family
head, she's too
preoccupied with
her new duties...

Aisha is now
reigning as
Queen of
Roumer...

Upon the wishes
of the Emperor?
Or your doing,
oh distinguished
members of the
Privy Council?!

But I still can't
understand why in
the hell have I been
called back from
Phantasmagoria!



You are all well aware of the fact that my office forbids me from getting even the slightest way involved in the Emperor's affairs of state. I work independently, on a private basis.

However! This absolutely does not mean that I am here to cooperate in anyway with the AKD and Mirage Corps, or what's left of it!



Gives Diode a chance to stretch her legs again on Joker soil...

Whatever...



The reason I chose to return has to do with the rumors about the Engage...

Silence!!

But Your Honor!!



The Galaxy has only one most beautiful MH! And it's...

I'm sick of hearing that with the revival of Hathuha's Empress there are two most beautiful mortar headds in the Galaxy!

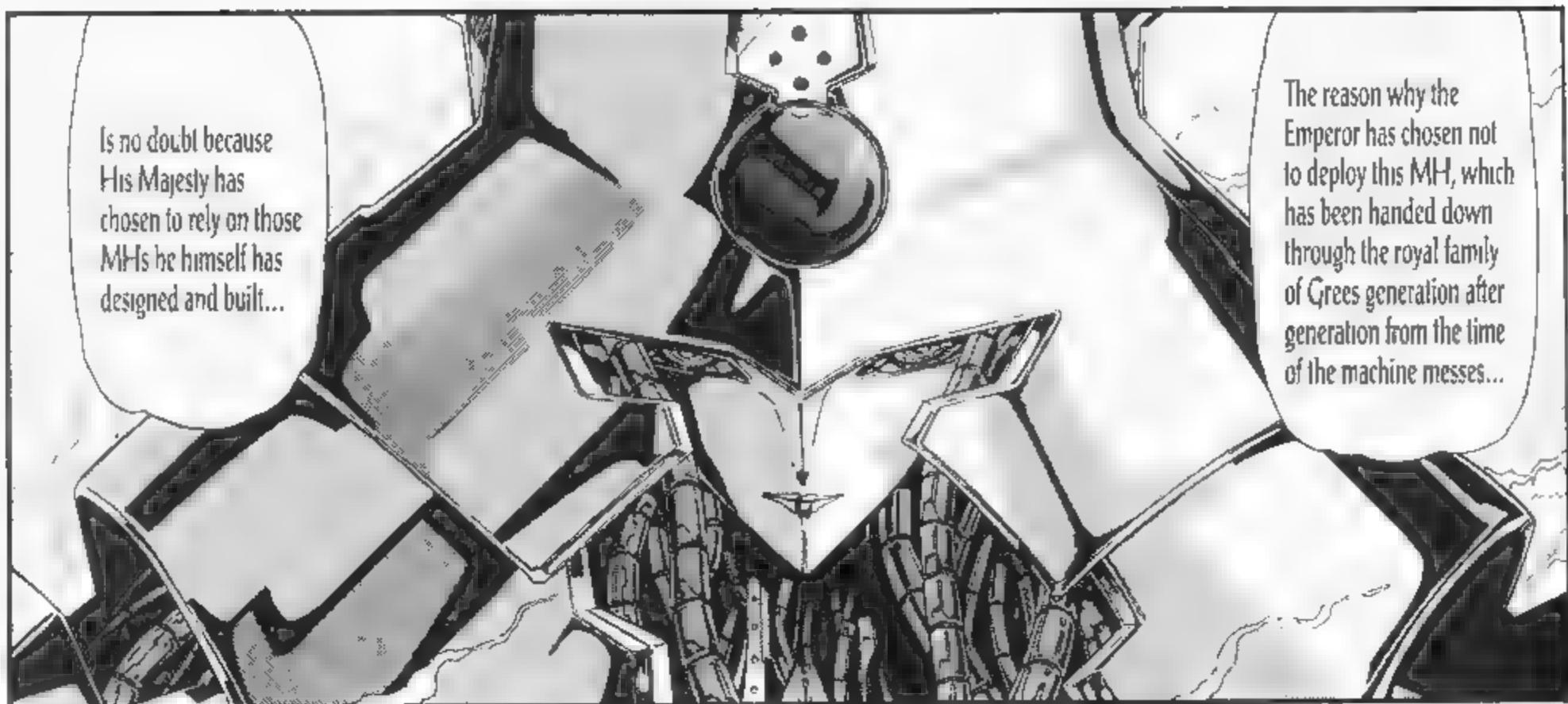


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right there!!

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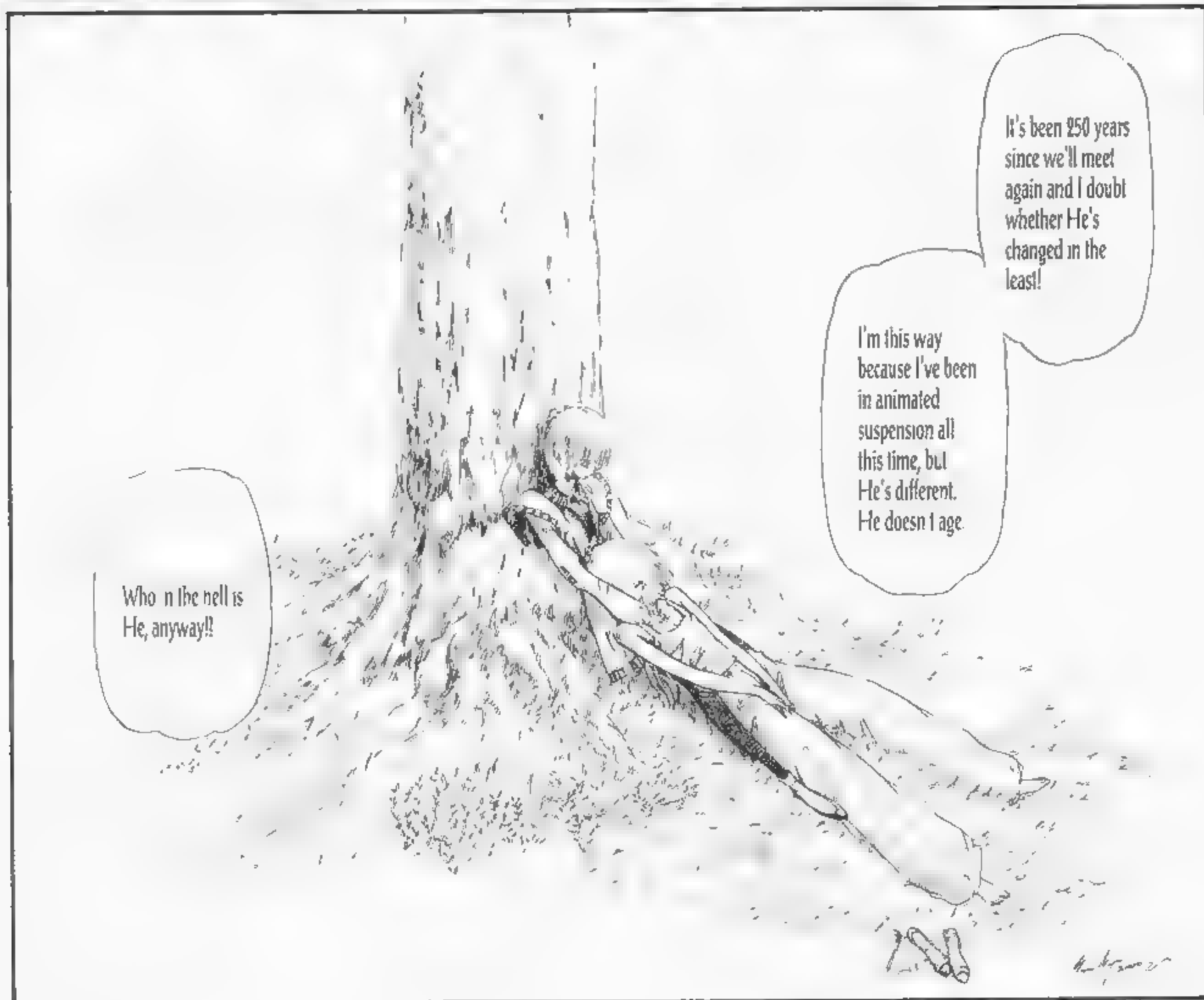
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Is no doubt because
His Majesty has
chosen to rely on those
MHs he himself has
designed and built...

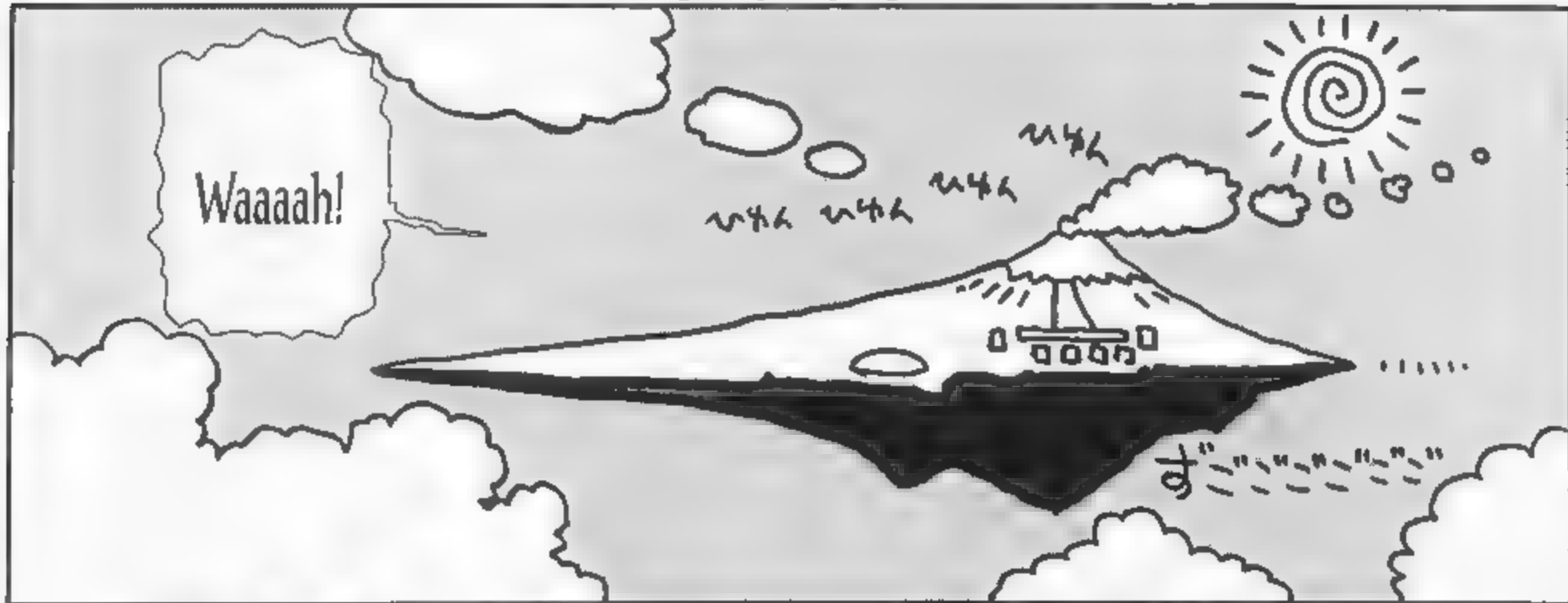
The reason why the
Emperor has chosen not
to deploy this MH, which
has been handed down
through the royal family
of Grees generation after
generation from the time
of the machine messes...



Who in the hell is
He, anyway!!

I'm this way
because I've been
in animated
suspension all
this time, but
He's different.
He doesn't age.

It's been 250 years
since we'll meet
again and I doubt
whether He's
changed in the
least!



Who do you think you are! Addressing royalty in such a familiar tone!



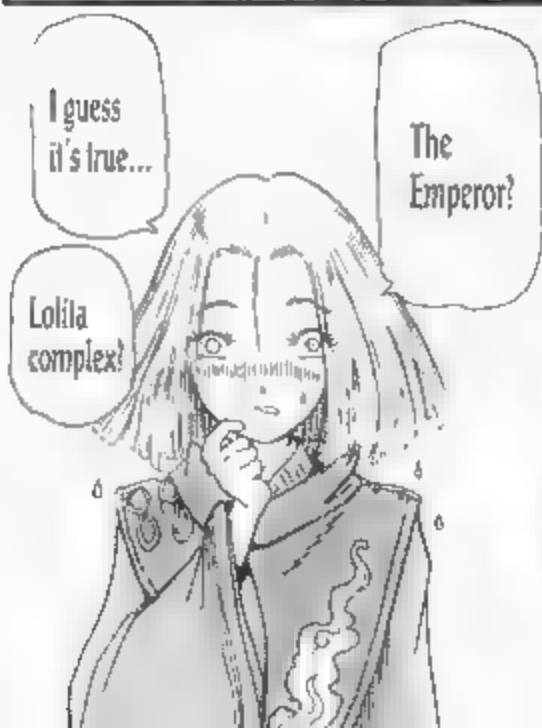
He-he-he... Crown Prince Ikaruga, that's who...



I beg you pardon, You Highness! I'm Princess Kyoro...



Waaaah! Sniff, sniff, sniff! Gyaaaah!



The Emperor?

Lolita complex?



Huh?

The terrible thing your Emperor did to me!!



Was a purchase agreement for you?

And the last one....

It made me soooo happy for Dr. Diamond. We were signing all the contracts...

All I did was come here to sell Dr. Diamond's design to the Emperor!

He was so generous... Agreeing to buy so many...



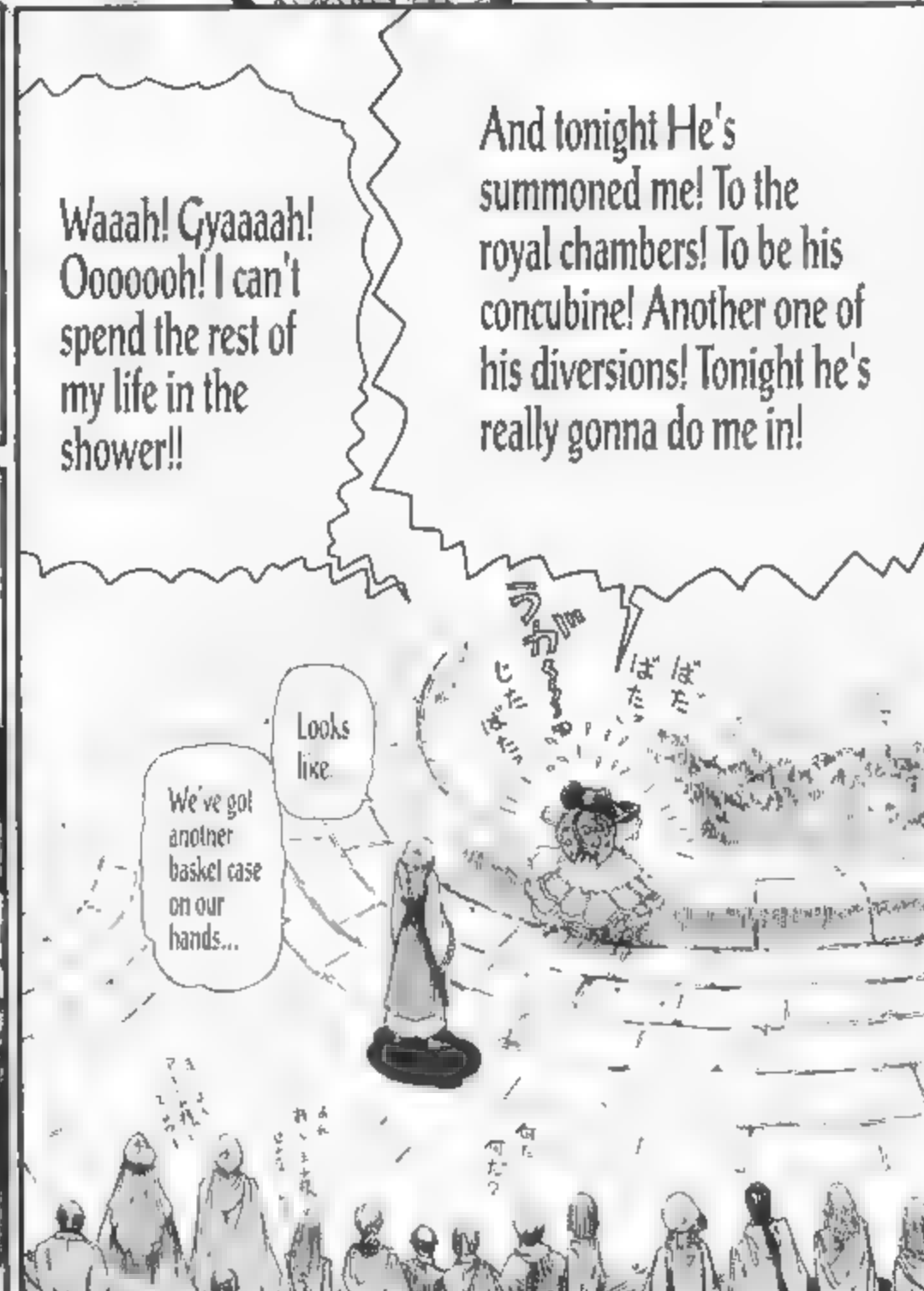
Easy! ...It's so typical...

Wow! How'd you know?



Here. . Open your mouth...

Aaw.



Waaah! Gyaaaah! Ooooooh! I can't spend the rest of my life in the shower!!

And tonight He's summoned me! To the royal chambers! To be his concubine! Another one of his diversions! Tonight he's really gonna do me in!

Looks like.

We've got another basket case on our hands...



Here's some more.

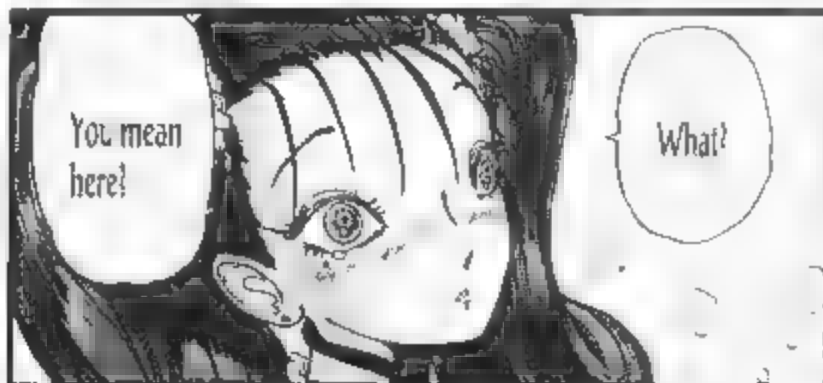
What flavor is it?

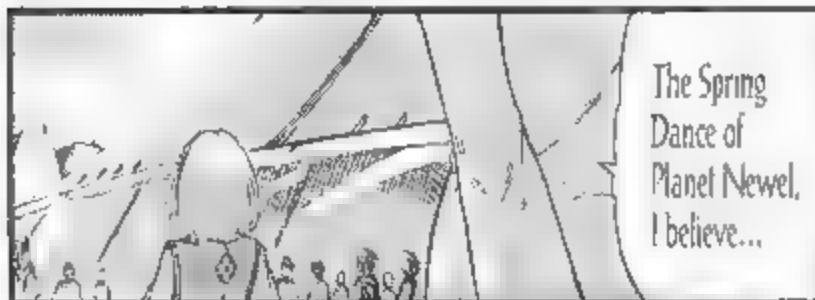
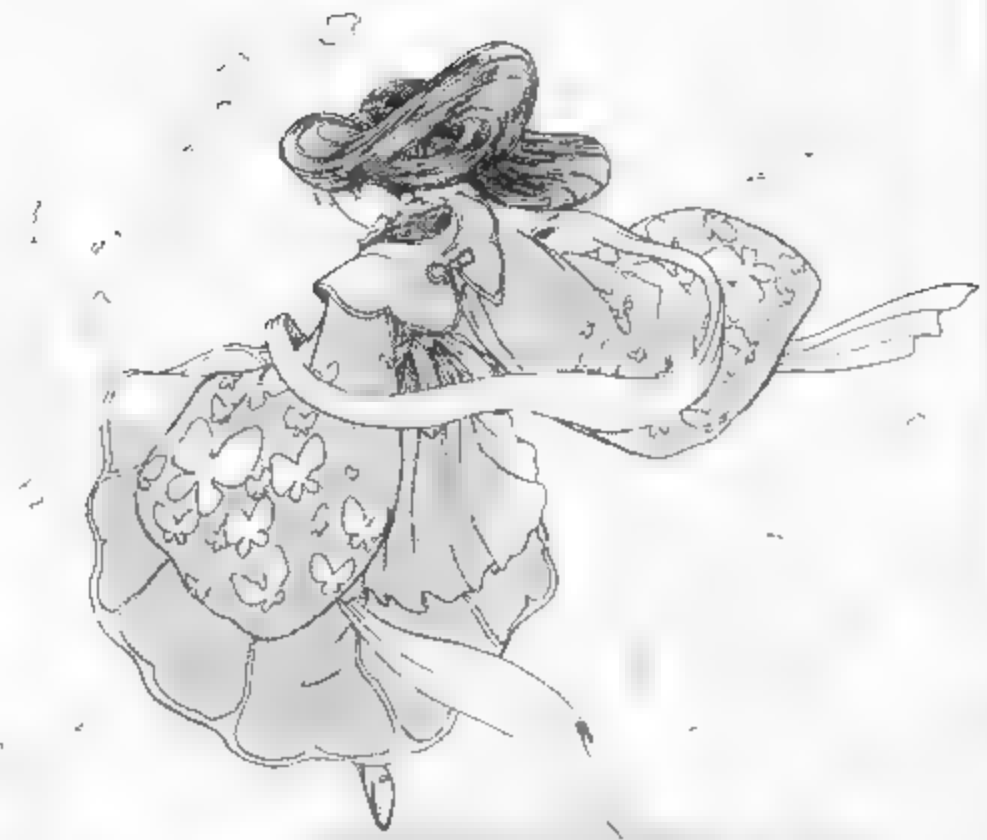
Strawberry.

I prefer the one's with nougat...

What's going on? Hey, it's the new Pizmit Police. Spitting image of Lady Yasha!

Waaah





The Spring
Dance of
Planet Newel.
I believe...



Out-
standing...

Wow!



It must have been an
excruciating existence,
being forced to live in
space, treated as
inferiors by planetary
inhabitants.

If I'm not mistaken...
Dr. Diamond came
from one of those
mining families. .



The fond, but sad
memories of the
earth cherished by
space travelers in
search of natural
resources

Expressing the
feelings of miners
travelling in the
Crown star system
towards the sky and
the wind



Huh!



Something
like this...



How
does it go?

There is also
a song that
accompanies
the dance



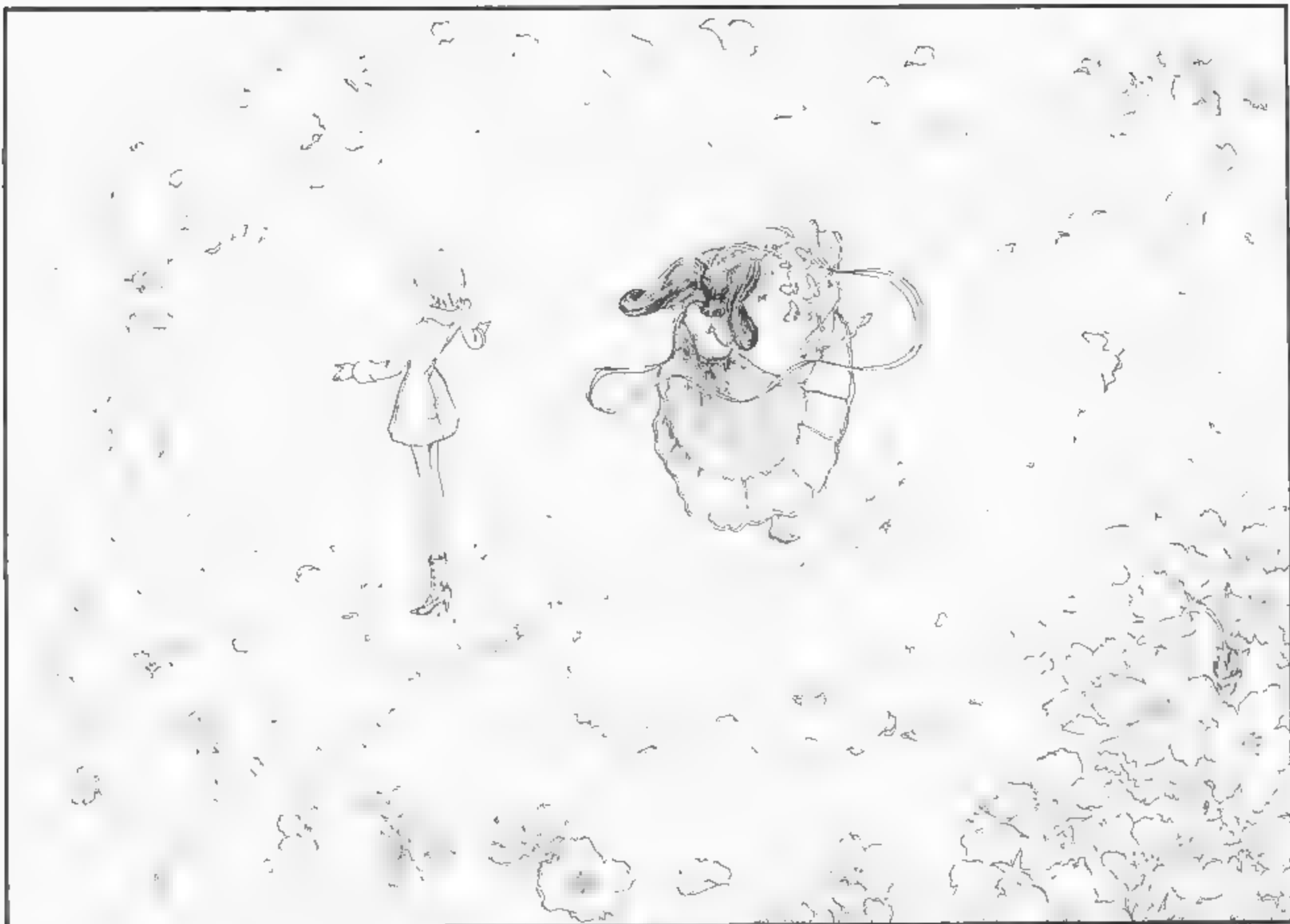
Assemble the
royal players!!

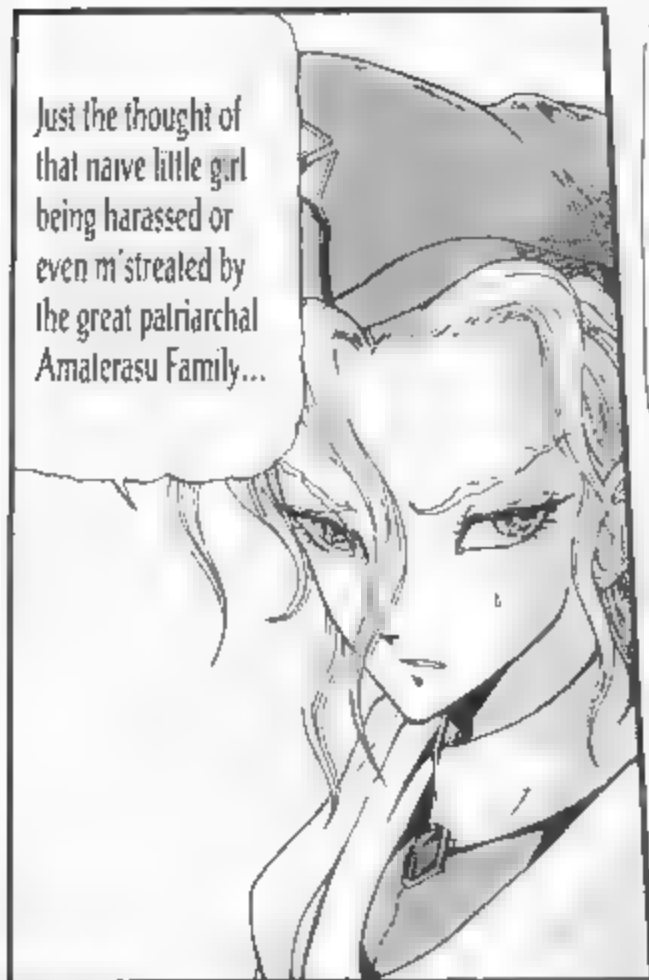
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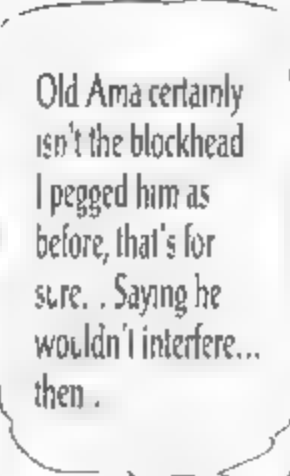
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Just the thought of that naive little girl being harassed or even m'streated by the great patriarchal Amalerasu Family...



Old Ama certainly isn't the blockhead I pegged him as before, that's for sure. . Saying he wouldn't interfere... then .



Awful chilly around here I under-estimated the AKD .. Using the Princess to get us here... Pretty sneaky. .



I don't mean to rain on your parade... but take a look over there... Is that the sight of an abused child?

Neu...



These are two friends of mine... Ha-ha-ha! Yuck-yuck!

Today, I'm going to give you the grand tour, personally!!



It's the Princess!

Yoo-hoo!! Dr. Diamond!! Mayor Suzuka!!

We're one team! We were the only ones with time for this. That's the way it goes. It's true.



I'm neither a man
nor a woman...
I'm a human
being who has no
use for gender...

Your father must have
been pretty strange...
I don't want to surprise
you too much, you
pretty thing, but...

こう見えても10本もの
マイト線をもった妹さ...



My father had
no use for a
human body...

That's
what I
mean...



You remind
me of my
father. Your
aura mean



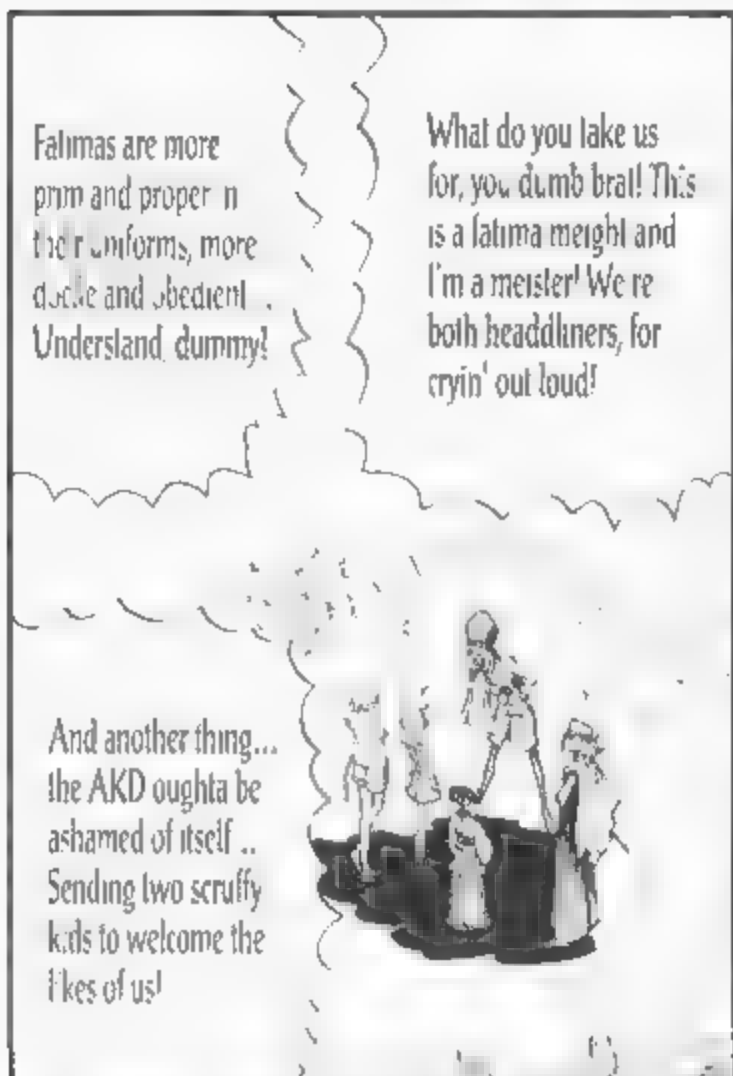
Huh? Something
the problem,
young lady?

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I'm Lachesis,
one of his
fal mas...

His name
was Chrome
Ballanche...



Falimas are more
prim and proper in
their uniforms, more
docile and obedient...
Understand, dummy!

What do you take us
for, you dumb brat! This
is a fatima meight and
I'm a meister! We're
both headliners, for
cryin' out loud!

And another thing...
the AKD oughta be
ashamed of itself...
Sending two scruffy
kids to welcome the
likes of us!



Neu... I think we just
got a double dose
of very heavy name
dropping. I think
you've been really
neutered this time...

So this is my
bedroom
nva!, heh?

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Fati...

ma!

It is the Princess
sincerest wish
that you have a
pleasant stay
with us.



As we told you
before, neither the
Amaterasu Family
or the AKD intends
to interfere.

Don't worry
Mayor Suzuka and
Dr. Diamond. She
will be returned to
your care...

Let me say
however that
all this about
Kyoro was a
kind of a joke

?



Who are
you?



I should have
introduced
myself before...
I'm the ruler of
this kingdom,
Amaterasu.



How rude
of me...



Whoaa!!

Neu..
I understand how
you must feel.
But you're acting
like a woman...
Effeminate...



I guess I really am a
country bumpkin!
Oh my god! I'm
sooooo embarrassed!



It can't be... Oh
my goodness...
What am I to do!

Couple of really interesting characters...

Even if I did give some LED engines, they'll probably end up building something even more bizarre and worthless as the MHs I make

Or give them the engines so they'll leave...

You understand what I am saying, don't you, Neu!!

Your Honor!!

Not only that, but... We need three LED Mirage engines!! We've got to find a way to get a hold of them!!

The most interesting research subjects standing right before us!! I can't control my emotions!! What am I going to do?

Right. We have to complete the Mighty Series at all costs! Time for our secret weapon, the Dotsuki Tachi Forge Anthem!!

We'll tell them that Izumo will do all it can to forge tachis for the LED Mirages. Get into the factory. By any means possible!!

Like we've never sung it before!

A peaceful interlude before the stormy Sorcerer Wars



To be continued....

- JC 3230 Amaterasu requests the countries of Kallamity Godarce to join the AKD, but following the lead of the Fillmore Empire, which boasts the planet's longest and most illustrious history they ignore the request.
- JC 3234 Amaterasu launches a military invasion of Kallamity Godarce, but is met with strong resistance by a unified defense force that has thoroughly studied his military strategy and tactical procedures.
- JC 3238 The Mirage Knights join the invasion of Kallamity Godarce as the war boils down.
- JC 3239 Stant approaches Kallamity, which experiences violent upheavals in the planet's crust and chaotic magnetic fluctuations. Rescue and emigration from Kallamity is stepped up. Amaterasu boards the Knight of Gold and leads the entire Mirage Knight corps in an all-out attack on the Fillmore Empire. It is the last action anyone will take on this planet doomed to destruction by the approach of Stant. During the attack, KOC stalls on a shoal, while crossing Lake Pentadoug, and just before Kallamity explodes, Amaterasu is ejected to safety, leaving the MHT and Lachesis stranded on the Lake. In order to lessen the shock from the impending volcanic explosion, KOC uses the buster launcher to dig a 5000 kilometer crater in the planet's crust and drops a shock resistant gelatin bomb into the Lake. However, nothing can save Lachesis from the explosion, as she and KOC are blown somewhere out on the dimensional edge.
- JC 3330 The Battle of Kallamity is spectacularly concluded, and survivors from the defeated Kallamity forces move to the Planet of Graves, where they commence anti-Amaterasu resistance activities.
- JC 3333 Amaterasu, upon consent from the only non-AKD planet, Iuno, is enthroned as emperor of the Joker Galaxy.
- JC 3345 The LED Dragon awakens.
- JC 3400-3900 Mortar head manufacture is slowed by natural resource scarcity. The leader of Iuno, King Colus V, begins a large scale program to improve his country's MHT force led by the Berlins. Because the outcome of any battle is invariably decided by a clash of MHTs, the anti-Amaterasu resistance forces scattered throughout the Galaxy assist in his efforts.
- JC 3910 The knights of the anti-Amaterasu resistance gather on Iuno. Amaterasu reveals plans to conquer Iuno.
- JC 3952 Amaterasu launches his last expeditionary invasion and heads for Iuno. A messenger is dispatched from Both to Amaterasu. It is Atropos.
- JC 3960 The heir apparent to the Colus Dynasty, Colus VI, escapes to Both with the help of Aienta, princess of Bulanka. The three royal families of the Colus Dynasty disband and scatter to the four corners of the Galaxy. The Black Knight Grand Sydmian, in the employ of the Colus Dynasty, conceals Luncheon and Clotho deep in the thick forests of the continent of Bonsho.
- Grand Sydmian is killed by a Mirage Knight while trying to escape. Amaterasu establishes the Union of Galactic Kingdoms. Atropos teams up with Mirage Knight headliner Upand a Raymu.
- JC 3967 Amaterasu entrusts all of his authority to his cat's paw, Upand a Raymu, a fatima created by Dr. Baudouche and retires into seclusion. At the same time, F.U. Rogner and the other Mirage Knights are clustered and sealed.
- JC 3968 Empress Runka, a remnant of the Colus Dynasty's Meister family, gives birth to Daizina, then dies at the hand of Amaterasu. Daizina disappears.
- JC 3998 Amaterasu becomes deeply concerned over his aging fatimas and puts them to sleep. Galaxy MU-15 continues to switch over to the non-humanoid Ecloramuru fatimas, and humanoid fatimas rarely appear in public. The headliner population is also decreasing. In a galaxy controlled by a single, oppressive ruler Upand a, the number of mortar heads is also on the decrease, becoming superannuated and decrepit. This year marks the beginning of Upand a's reign of terror.
- JC 4044 Daizina Meister finds her way to Kaslenpo on Both.
- JC 4050 Daizina Meister meets Colus VI, who is working for the anti-Amaterasu resistance in Kaslenpo.
- JC 4061 After wandering aimlessly throughout the Galaxy, Colus VI is awakened to his headliner heritage after being shown the mortar heads that have been mastered for the resistance.
- JC 4062 Colus begins training for combat, and the many knights he meets seem also to be descendants of his ancestors' generations of headliners.
- JC 4075 Luncheon and Clotho are discovered, but Clotho remains sealed and will not awaken.
- JC 4076 Colus VI meets Wey Rowath, possibly another headliner descendant.
- JC 4080 Civil war breaks out on Iuno, and Colus VI takes command of the anti-Amaterasu resistance forces in the conflict.
- JC 4082 An Amaterasu mortar head, Wunderschatze defects to Colus' side.
- JC 4088 Headliners and fatimas who have been hiding throughout the Galaxy flock to Colus' side.
- JC 4090 Colus liberates Both. After the devastation of AKD forces invading Kaslenpo by an LED Dragon inferno, the Upand a regime gradually loses control of the situation, initiating the decline and fall of the AKD, but Amaterasu refuses to step in.
- JC 4093 Civil war breaks out on Delta Belu.
- JC 4100 The Floating Temple, the symbol of the AKD, is destroyed. Colus' Luncheon and Upand a's Knight of Gold engage on the battlefield. Two fates hurry to the fray. Delta Belu is consumed in the quasar inferno of the LED Dragon.
- Amaterasu returns to Colus VI the sword he received from Colus II, signifying Colus VI as the true heir to the Colus dynasty. The citizens of Delta Belu leave the planet along with the Mirage Knights in The Will in search of Lachesis. The "god of night" has faded them.
- JC 4101 Colus VI liberates the Galaxy.
- JC 4103 Colus VI marries Daizina.
- JC 4255 Colus VI passes away at the age of 295.
- JC 4300 The mortar heads gradually fall into dissipation. The headliners also gradually disappear, some taking their fatimas with them, some alone. The era of war and destruction goes on, as the world continues its regression towards the primeval.
- {The Era of the The Will Galaxy}*
JC 5899 On an unknown planet, the Knight of Gold is transformed into a meteorite and crashes.
- JC 6599 Lachesis awakens and with the Knight of Gold joins a space war with another civilization. In the aftermath, uncontrollable bursts of energy from KOC hurl them again and again into time gaps and lost abysses.
- JC 6787 In one planetary war, Lachesis is unable to activate the Knight of Gold, so this incomparable fatima fates commandeers a local cyborg weapon, called an Imperium, to continue the fight.
- JC 6800 Amaterasu builds the MHT Goa: Mirage, also known as Magdali Chivalries.
- JC 6850 Amaterasu and Lachesis, each on their own travel from planet to universe encountering new human species and life forms.
- JC 7199 Lachesis lands on a mechanized planet and repairs the Knight of Gold.
- JC 7281 Amaterasu converses with the Obelisk Monument, which seems to contain a memory of people from the Joker Galaxy.
- JC 7343 Lachesis suddenly finds herself on Earth, in Poland during January 1945. She hides the Knight of Gold in the Baltic Sea and goes to fight in the Battle of Berlin. On 7 May she leaves the Division Nordland for France, then returns to the Baltic Sea and falls asleep.
- JC 7451 Lachesis awakens in the Earth year of 2187 and returns to Space.
- JC 7563 Lachesis transcends time to appear in the Joker Galaxy in JC 2043. She meets the 23 year old prince of Grees, Amaterasu. After planting a memory of their encounter, she leaves the Galaxy.
- JC 7777 Lachesis and Amaterasu are reunited on the emerald planet of Fortune and are married. They bear a daughter, Kalien, and the human species begins a new phase in its evolution.

*Time in the The Will era is measured in the years actually passed by Amaterasu, but in Joker time it is 5,670,000,000 years in length.

Chronology

(Last Millennia of the AD Era)

- AD 4000** Juno is discovered.
Both is reclaimed and colonized.
An alliance of imperial families founds the super-empire Farus Die Kannarn.
- AD 5000** Reign of the "Blazing Empress."
The Galaxy establishes all disciplines of pure science.
The use of intimidating warriors and powerful warriors.
Invention of the most destructive weapon known to man: the busier launcher.
- AD 6000** Height of interstellar exploration.
Continuous intergalactic wars cause such devastation to existing races and cultures that the human species becomes incapable of retaining its historical legacy in fact.
- AD 8000** A geophysical world of four solar systems begins to take form. Reclamation of planets takes place on a galactic scale, as the deserts of Adler and Pestako (the closest planet to its sun) are made inhabitable.
- AD 9000** Interstellar exploration reaches an impasse, and space adventurers return to their home planets. The influence of Farus Die Kannarn wanes, as new independent states rise.
Busier control technology is perfected.
Popularization of the external combustion "ezlazer" engine, a technical spin-off from busier launcher know-how.

(The Joker Millennia)*

- IC 0001** Stabilization is achieved on the planets of the Galaxy's four solar systems, as interplanetary diplomatic agreements are negotiated and enacted, marking the beginning of the Joker Era. At this point in time, however, human civilization reaches its pinnacle and begins its descent. The Joker Galaxy enters an era of senescence and decline. A civilization that once advanced into the outer reaches of the universe, experimented with speeds exceeding light, and sought existence beyond the three dimensions is slowing down. The human race is now in a process of reverse evolution. From this point on, there will be no sign of significant historical change even in millennial terms.
- IC 0980** Birth of the mortar head, a battle machine modeled after the human anatomy and designed in the artistic style of science and engineering.
- IC 2020** In the Kingdom of Grees on eastern Delta Belun (the second planet in the Eastern Solar System), the young Amaterasu Dis Grand Grees Eydas IV is born and destined to become the kingdom's 84th monarch.
- IC 2026** Scientific genius Uranium Balance publishes his research on organic humanoid computer systems.
- IC 2040** Emperor Amaterasu uses his exquisite beauty and charm along with his superior intellect to gain unwavering support from the people of Delta Belun's eastern bloc of countries.
- IC 2087** Amaterasu and Lira are married. Lira will die childless at the young age of 130, equivalent to 25 years of age in earthly time. On the average, humans of the Joker Galaxy live to the age of around 300.

- JC 2135** Amaterasu makes improvements in the ezlazer external combustion engine used throughout the Galaxy to generate heavy energy.
- JC 2200** The beginning of a century of frequent international disputes and military aggression, promoted in part by the mortar head's ability to minimize casualties and destruction of property in the process of territorial expansion.
- JC 2310** A data processor greatly improving the control of mortar heads is developed by the mad scientist Lithium Balance. It is called the "falima," an artificial life-form physiologically identical to human beings.
- JC 2324** Amaterasu is enthroned as the ruler of Grees at the age of 304. Over a thirty-year period he has contributed much to the cause of international peace among the countries of Delta Belun.
- JC 2397** Despite his 377 years, Amaterasu has remarkably not aged significantly since reaching adulthood.
- JC 2400-** Amaterasu's Eastern Solar System and the Northern Solar System, which is ruled by large and powerful countries, attain a state of relatively peaceful coexistence, while the smaller countries scattered throughout the Southern and Western Solar Systems remain in political turmoil. It is a time of mass production of both mortar heads and falimas.
- JC 2629** Amaterasu makes the acquaintance of the scientific genius Chrome Ballanche.
- JC 2810** Amaterasu spends ten years recruiting a corps of superior headliners to act as his imperial guard and names them the Mirage Knights.
- JC 2813** Amaterasu's imperial guards are organized into an order of knights known as the First Eastern Mirage Corps, which is given command of the all the imperial armed forces, and charged with employing their mortar heads in quelling international military incidents.
- JC 2875** Amaterasu unifies the ten eastern countries surrounding the Kingdom of Grees. Similarly, in the Southern Solar System, Colus II, ruler of the super power on the planet Juno, forms the kingdoms on his borders into the Colus Dynasty. Colus III is born.
- JC 2878** Amaterasu is appointed planetary president of Delta Belun.
- JC 2899** Amaterasu unifies Delta Belun into an organization called Amaterasu Kingdom Demesnes (hereafter AKD). The report of this action is greeted with surprise and apprehension throughout the Galaxy.
Dr. Ballanche completes the AKD flagship battle cruiser Red Crea.
- JC 2900-** A scarcity of natural resources in the Galaxy reaches critical proportion, and some synthetic materials that have existed for thousands of years begin to transform or deteriorate.
Kalamity Godaree, the second planet in the Northern Solar System, begins to transform under the influence of its own planetary reclamation activities.
Amaterasu is 880 years old.
- JC 2955** Completion of Amaterasu's airborne palace (the

Floating Temple, an island 2.5 kilometers across hovering 3000 meters in the atmosphere above the planet).

- JC 2987** One of the Galaxy's most authoritative scientists, Dr. Ballanche decides that a falima debut will not be held for Atropos, one of his "three fates of destiny" and allows her to escape.
- JC 2988** Dr. Ballanche's final two falimas, Lachesis and Clotho, come of age. Amaterasu acquires Lachesis, while Clotho is taken into the care of Juno's King Colus III.
- JC 2989** Three leading edge mortar heads, called LED Mirages, join the forces of the Colus Dynasty against neighboring aggressor Hagooda. Master Lachesis Sopp is entrusted with the jeweled sword of the Colus Royal Family, and the royal family's MHI luncheon is sealed shut with Clotho inside.
- JC 2992-** Atropos begins 350 years of seclusion with an infant LED Dragon.
- JC 2994** Magdall and Depe are born in the Republic of Haluhah in the Western Solar System.
- JC 3007** The LED Mirage fleet and Amaterasu's Knight of Gold are exhibited before the Galaxy. Second phase of the Mirage Knights.
- JC 3009** Completion of the heavy MHI Jagd Mirage, known as the "monster of the Mirage Knights" due to its dual busier canon design.
- JC 3010** The "Majestic Stand" begins, and the Galaxy is thrown into greater political turbulence than it has ever experienced.
- JC 3079** Princess Magdall is crowned ruler of the Holy Led A-Tol Empire.
- JC 3159** Amaterasu suddenly launches a military attack on the Rent Republic of the neighboring planet of Adler.
- JC 3162** Adler is incorporated into the AKD and becomes Amaterasu's base of military operations, commanding a huge galactic expeditionary force.
- JC 3180** Amaterasu begins construction of the Galaxy's largest space vessel, The Will.
- JC 3185** Construction of The Will is completed, and enthusiasm is heightened among the people over galactic unification.
Amaterasu is 1165 years old.
- JC 3199** Amaterasu launches an invasion of Both in the Western Solar System. Many of the planet's residents welcome the invasion as the arrival of political stability to a chaotic situation that has continued since the beginning of the Majestic Stand, so Both is quickly incorporated into the AKD. However, the region of Kastenpo on the continent of Gmann for some reason is able to retain its former status as a free and autonomous district, and only the Holy Led A-Tol Empire is granted sovereignty.
- JC 3225** The moving solar system of Stant with a 1400-year orbit approaches the Joker Galaxy, and it is predicted that Stant will increase the instability of Kalamity already caused by mineral resource reclamation.

*Joker and Earth years are not synchronized because time progresses faster in the Joker Galaxy.

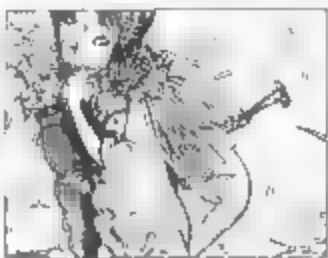
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Eheh-heh (Wheeee,
Hee-hee)

The laughter of children
A laugh to mitigate an
embarrassing mistake

#26/58p



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Fuhree-fuhreet

Shaking your body or some
other object

#26/57p



#26/71p



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Pohkoh-pohkoh,
Pohnt

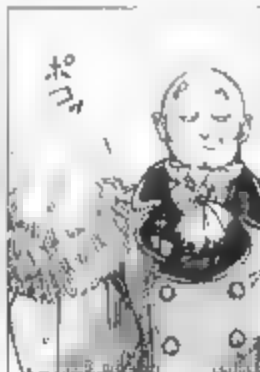
Knocking lightly on
something with your
first Japanese way of
patting someone
lovingly on the head

ピーピー
Pee-pee-pee
Sound of an electronic
alarm

#26/58p



#26/59p



ポコッ
Pohkoht

Sound effect of an
accessory or
attachment of some
kind suddenly and
unexpectedly prying
loose

#26/83p

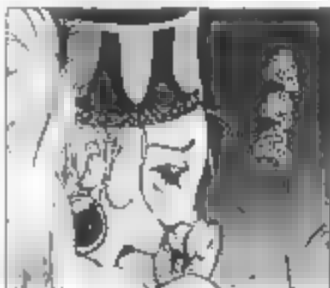


ドキドキ
Dohkee-dohkee
Heart throbbing

ひそひそ
Heesoo-heesoo

The pss-pss-pss of
secrets whispered in
everyone's ear but
yours

#26/25p



ホホホ
Ho-ho-ho (Tee-hee-hee)

Laugh of a refined lady, or the
sarcastic laugh of a conceited
bitch

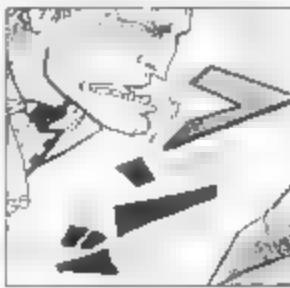
#26/68p



ぴらっ
Pihrhat

Lifting up or opening a thin
piece of clothing or paper

#26/06p



フンッ
Fuhnt

A nasal sigh of disgust
denouncing someone as
a moron

#26/06p



はう...
Hoe

Choke back in surprise or
shock

#24/61p



ヒックヒック
Heekuh-heekuh

Crying with lots of sobbing
Also the sound of hiccuping

#26/05p



ぱちぱち
Pahchee-pahchee

Sound of applauding

#26/06p



#26/09p



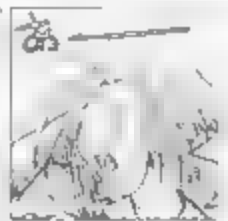
ブー、くはー
Buowah,
Koowah

Forceful exhalation
tobacco smoke

#26/09p



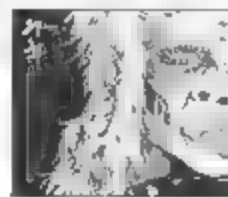
#26/06p



あー、オラオラ
Aaah,
Ohrab ohrab

Somebody always
yells at me
feeling like you're out
of your mind

#26/21p



ウキー
Uhkeee

Call of an angry, excited
monkey. Used to express
anger in comics

#26/68p



ぎくっ
Gihkuh
(Gulp)

Expression of
guilt or dreaded
surprise

#26/59p



ぶち、ぶちっ
Buhchee, Buhcheet

The sound of breaking some-
thing by plucking or stretching

#26/04p



#26/05p



フガー、フガ...
Foogah

Sound of trying to catch your
breath through your nose
when excited

#26/70p



ブーッ
Boot (Boo)

Rooing. The Bronx cheer

#26/81p



じいっ
Jihht

Staring or glaring constantly
at a single object

Special Effects

Five Star Stories like any comic is filled with special effects, which in Japanese are divided into words that resemble sounds and words that express appearances or images. Some can be found in any dictionary, some were created by the author. The following list is a sampling of the special effects appearing in this volume.

#26/25p



ズバ
Zuhbaht (Shakki)

A sword cutting into flesh with a force capable of splitting the organ in two

#26/35p



ギンツ
Gihnt (Screel)

Sound of metal finger chess on metal finger chessboard

#26/32p



ゴンツ
Gohnt

Sound of pulling down a very heavy object

#26/15p



フツ
Foot

A sudden, quick pushy move

シオ
Iceoh

Sound of a heat laser

#26/35p



ビッ
Biht (Bweee)

Sound of an object cutting the air at tremendous speed.

#26/12p



ピク
Pikuh

A highly excited or sensitive state. Sudden or highly sensitive reaction

#26/19p



ズルツ
Zuhruht

Liquid sound

#26/45p



ゴボツ
Gubohht (Blorp)

Sound of the sudden release of viscous liquid

#26/07p



ヒクヒク
Heeku-heeku (Tick)

A part of the body, like a cheek, shaking or frozen with fear or anger. Tick

#26/26p



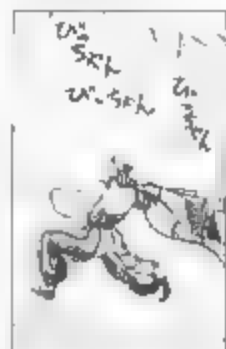
#26/58p



ズルツ、ずりっ
Zuhruht, zuhnt

Slipping and falling. Losing one's balance

#26/05p



びっちゃんびっちゃん
Bitchahn-bitchahn

Sound of water being splashed while walking on a rainy

#26/24p



てってててて
Teht-teht-leht

Someone approaching at a run. Also running with confidence

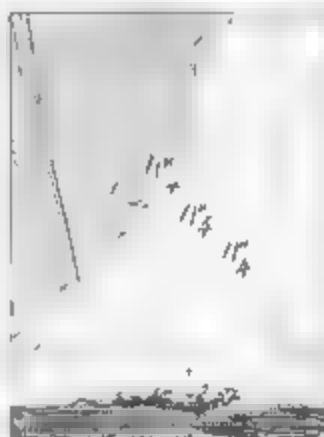
#26/41p



ヒキ
Bihkih (Rimp, snap)

A tear or crack forming

#26/24p



バチバチ
Bahchi-bahchi (Snap-crackle-pop)

Fire burning in a fireplace sputtering fire in a burnt out building

#26/19p



ベキッ
Behkiht (Crash)

Sound of something breaking instantaneously

#26/13p



ボボウツ
Boh-boht (Fwoom)

The sound of a flammable material like fuel or natural gas bursting into flames, then hurriedly dying out

#26/34p



#26/34p



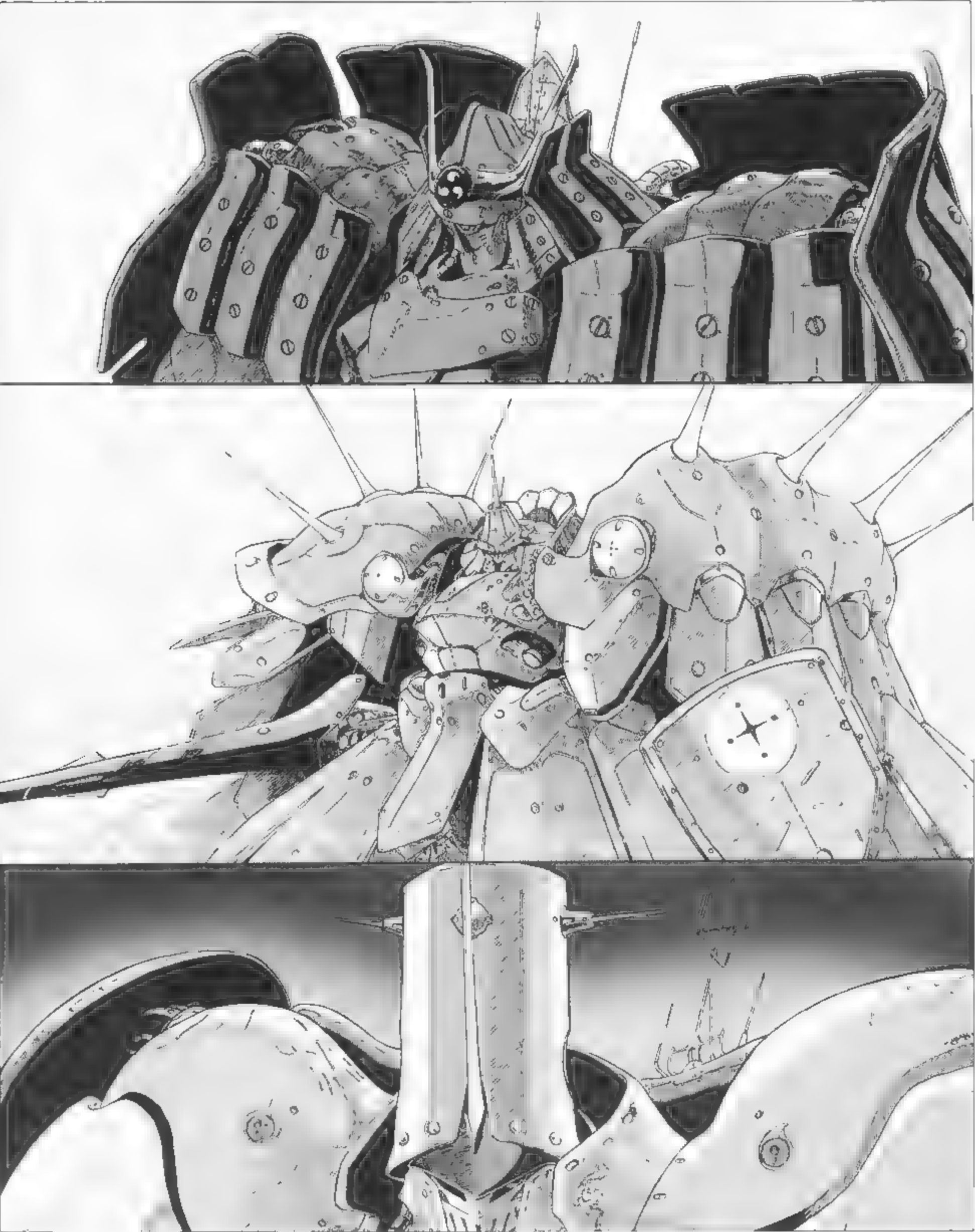
シュルシュル
Shuh-rub-shuh-rub

A light wrapping coming unwrapped. Air currents hitting the surface of an object

#26/40p









FSS Title Page Collection 1986-1990



1 APRIL/1992

As the first Five Star Stories, the 100th issue of the magazine is a special double issue of the magazine, featuring a special double issue of the magazine.



2 MAY/1992

The cover features the first page of the Water Dragon sequence of the story, while the main feature depicts six dragons known as the 'Six Dragon Kings' that attack the green and white.



#4 DESTINY THREE FATES
- BOTH 2992 WANDERING ATROPOS
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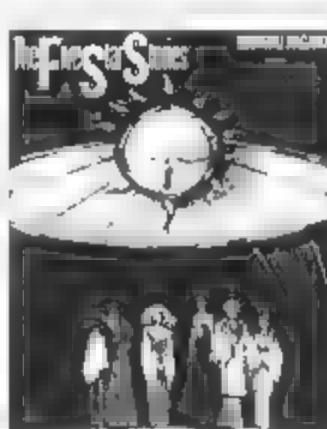
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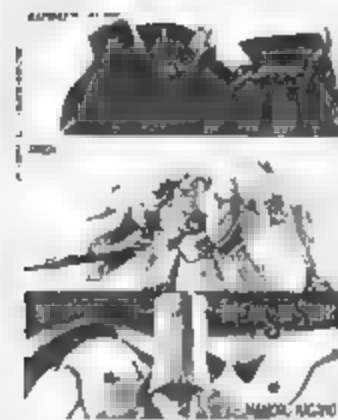
6 AUGUST/1992

At long last, the members reported in KPL style.



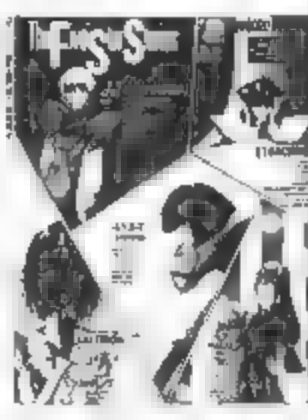
7 SEPTEMBER/1992

Double shot out of the M-1 Zakkari on Saturday. The Zakkari's appearance makes a double shot a more important event, which gives the magazine.



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The Signal Border System of Academic Ranking



One Braid

A doctoral degree, proof of a person in academic authority like a university professor, physician, designer, etc.



Two Braids

Someone with two brains who has been certified to become the president of a university, chief of staff of a hospital, etc.



Three Braids

Someone with three braids ranking in more than 100th percentile in the production of heavy machinery, weaponry, etc.



Four Braids

A *meister*, someone involved in the development and preparation of

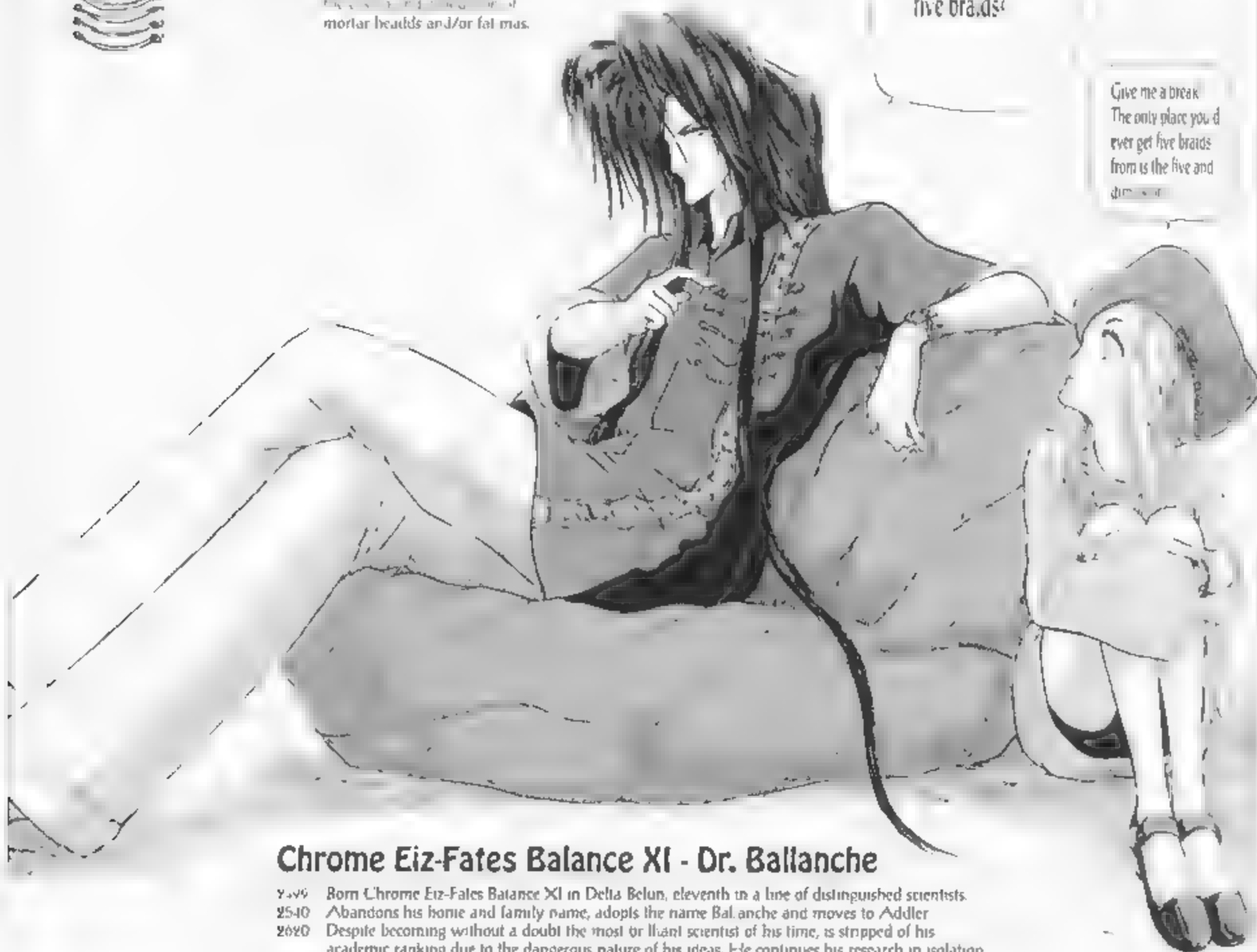


Five Braids

A might, someone involved in
 mortal beauty and/or fat mas-

Did I ever tell
you about my
five braids?

Give me a break
The only place you'd
ever get five braids
from is the five and
dime shop



Chrome Eiz-Fates Balance XI - Dr. Ballanche

2549	Born Chrome Etz-Fales Balance XI in Delta Belun, eleventh in a line of distinguished scientists.
2540	Abandons his home and family name, adopts the name Balanche and moves to Addler
2620	Despite becoming without a doubt the most brilliant scientist of his time, is stripped of his academic ranking due to the dangerous nature of his ideas. He continues his research in isolation
2628	Creates fatima fates Queen at his laboratory in Bastogne
2630	Is reinstated in the academic community through the intervention of the Kingdom of Grees on Delta Belun and certified as a meight
2802	Decides to discard his failing body and have fatimas Queen, Pullenon and Majer transplant his brain to the body of his third fatima, Balance
2988	Completes the three fates, Atropos, Lechesis and Clotho
2989	Dies in Bastogne.

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1 JANUARY/1991

As the main kind of beauty of the ruins away from the city of Salsburg, it is the death of the old world.



2 FEBRUARY/1991

Rafael and Sept. In the summer days with an explanation of the story, it is the first of the series. The story is a very good one, and the author of the story is a very good one.



3 MARCH/1991

In the story, the main character is a very good one. The story is a very good one, and the author of the story is a very good one.



4 APRIL/1991

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The Birth of Pure Blooded Headdliners

It was during the reign of the Blazing Empress in the A.D. age that the first in a line of amazing warriors was born. During this period, which marked the pinnacle of not only material and scientific technology, but also mental and spiritual evolution, human meiotic cells enhanced by means of diver power were used in the fertilization of many millions of ova, out of which one developed into a human of amazing reaction speed and strength. This is how the headdliner came into existence after the loss of millions of young lives. It is estimated that about 800 of these humans, known as pure-blooded headdliners, were reproduced and put under the direct control of the Blazing Empress. Their minds and behavior were strictly controlled to avoid any weakening of their powers through natural reproduction. After the departure of the Blazing Empress from the Galaxy, these headdliners disbanded and scattered all over Creation to mingle with common people and transmit their genes to every Jokerian race. Nakkandrah (Ned) Swans was the last pure-blood headdliner to be reproduced and the heir to the DNA of the A.D. age's top headdliners. There is the possibility that he also carried the DNA of the Empress herself. He was not only the source of the Joker term "headdliner," but also the genetic source of the fatima fates.

Nakkandrah (Ned) View Swans

Last pure-blooded headdliner to be reproduced, then frozen and preserved by Amalerasu-no-Mikoto, the first empress of Grees. During the early J.C. 2200s, he suddenly awoke and began wandering throughout the countries of the Galaxy, finally becoming the partner of the first fatima, FocusLight (standing next to him in the illustration), born in the Kingdom of Fales. Four fatima embryos were reproduced at that time using his blood, which is why fatimas can be said to be born from the strength of headdliners. Swans also became the owner of the Kormals-model mortar headd designed and produced by Sir Zebee Carter: The Vairon, Vai-O-La, and Bybroth. He was given the title of sword sage by the Bakinnrakkan Empire and died in J.C. 2499 at the age of 7000, after the birth of his grandson, Dimos Hiahiraki. He is holding the large tachi sword, know as the Kaien-Ken, which belonged to A.D. era sword sage Skins and was passed on to the descendants of Skins and Princess Yarnn Valtshu and then to Maximum, the son of fatima meight Meeth Silver Ballanche and granddaughter of fatima Queen.

The Descendents of Nakkandrah Swans

This is certainly an impressive lineup, as one should expect from a pure-blooded headdliner. Almost all of Swans' descendents managed to occupy pivotal positions in countries throughout the Joker world, which may be the true reason why the Blazing Empress allowed Swans' heritage to continue.

Skins and Princess Yarnn

Due to the heroic efforts on the part the Blazing Empress' sword sage, Skins, and his lover and para-diver Princess Yarnn in making peace with the Galaxy's dragons, the Empress granted them permission to give birth to a child. However, the ova fertilized by the sperm of this pure-blooded headdliner were too potent to be conceived in Yarnn's womb, so she entrusted one to a dragon. The heritage left by the Blazing Empress, Needle Nein to the future generations of the Joker Galaxy includes the bloodline of Ned Swans and fatima blood, the Unizon Clone Chip Daughter, capable of completely restoring one human being, and the child of Skins and Princess Yarnn.

Genealogy of Pure Blooded Headliners



Sarone Basco

Swans' wife, a native of the Planet Addler and third in command of the Divers Para-Guild.



Jester Rouath

Headliner king of Rent on the Planet Addler, he was the first knight to be called "master" by a fatima. After the death of his queen, he took Arado as his concubine.



Arado Basco Swans

A headliner and diver born in J.C. 2547. Served as a high ranking monster in Amaterasu's Para-Diver Guild and bore three children by Jester Rouath.



Ugord Rouath

Jester's eldest son and the father of Rent's republican system and Federal Trun Republic. Also the first president of the Republic.



Dimos Hiahraki

Jester's second son and sword sage born in 2488. He was taken away by the empress of Bakimrakkan immediately after his birth. Later he would be instrumental in the formation of Amaterasu's Mirage Corps. He died in the 2890's.



Titinsha Basco

Jester's oldest daughter and diver born in 2508. She served the Bakimrakkan Empire along with her brother, Dimos.



Randa

Emperor of Bakimrakkan.



Sujata Rouath

Ugord's oldest daughter.



Gotama Hound

Member of the Trun Federal Congress.



Oru Basco Harris

Titinsha's oldest son, who chose to remain in Bakimrakkan.



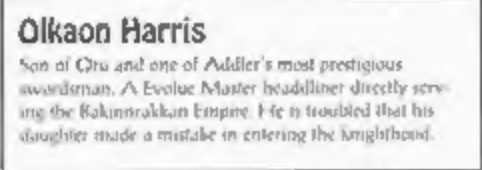
Rasha Basco

Titinsha's second son, diver and father of Empress Borusa. Died in Kadempa.



Ena Dai Gu Fillmore

Titinsha's oldest daughter and headliner. Married into the Fillmore royal family and pilots the M-1 Prominence.



Olkaon Harris

Son of Oru and one of Addler's most prestigious swordsmen. A Evolve Master headliner directly serving the Bakimrakkan Empire. He is troubled that his daughter made a mistake in entering the knighthood.



**Mission Rouath
(Voards Viewlard)**

Fourteenth president of the Trun Federal Republic born in 3049. Partner of Megella.



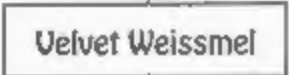
**Mallory Meistner
(Mallory Viewlard Hiahraki)**

Oldest daughter of the Rouath Family. Whereabouts unknown.



Picking Harris (Spark)

Olkaon's daughter and Mirage Knight No. 10. Originally Skin Division commander of the Halfhuha AT Knighthood.

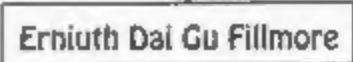


Velvet Weissmel



Borusa Basco Atoll

Rasha's daughter and Empress of the Atoll Dynasty. She bestowed the title of sword sage on Douglas Kaico after he suddenly burst onto the scene during the war for the unification of Halfhuha in 3010. Died in 3090, ending the Basco direct lineage.



Erniuth Dai Gu Fillmore

The pure-blooded headliner heritage will continue into the next generations, however.

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Mamoru Nagano is a storyteller, whose narrative style arose strangely enough from his background in the design of character and robot animation for television. The unique characters and mechanical devices that flow out of Mamoru's pen are always in line with the latest mode, which is why they always hit the market in such sensational fashion. His peculiar touch with the pen stems technically from a blend of traditional Japanese ink brush techniques and whatever is happening on the graphic art scene at any particular time, while compositionally his work stems from various fetishistic tendencies. The following is a chronological account of Mamoru's career.

Artist, comic writer, musician, designer, and Macintosh recluse, Mamoru Nagano was born in the city of Maizuru, Kyoto Prefecture in January 1960. In 1984 he made his animation debut as the character designer of the TV cartoon *Heavy Metal L-Gaim*. His first comic, *Fool for the City*, was published in *Newtype* magazine in 1985, followed by *Five Star Stories* serial, which began in 1986. Five stories were completed by 2000, then in spring 2001, Story #6 was begun. *FSS* was first published in paperback by Kadokawa, which released 11 volumes with a total sales of 7 million copies, marking it as a popular long seller among Japanese comic fans. The author's latest work is another animated serial entitled *Brain-Powered*. Much of his work is under copyright of and being published by his own company, TOYSPRESS, Inc.

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A Vast Tale Promising to Straddle the Centuries

Five Star Stories Vols. XV-XVII

We open with Sopp trying to figure out a name for the dragon nymph that revitalized everything but his Amaterasu super powers. And they're spotted by Di-Barrow's troops. While Sopp is recuperating in Atropos' hideout, he dreams of his first years of infancy and how he recovered from the comatose state he was born into. Meanwhile, Barrow's search and destroy mission is joined by the Pied Piper mercenaries, as Allen Braford is dispatched to scout the whereabouts of the three targets. Braford wins the battle with Atropos brilliantly, despite a dysfunctional Kyo and the awesome power of the Auge. Atropos decides to abandon the hideout, taking Sopp and Suezhou to safety in a nearby marsh, as Lonn approaches with the Schpellor, courtesy of Kaien, and a full corps of AKD infantry regulars. Aisha Codante is also on the move in the effort to rescue Sopp. Lonn's

AKD rescue mission arrives to the surprise of the Barrow camp, which hasn't a clue that it was Sopp (Amaterasu) whom Braford shot to death and who now is miraculously with the nymph and some mysterious "headliner." A limited ground war ensues under an AKD decision not to deploy its mortar heads until they can locate Sopp. The unsuspecting Barrow camp is again perplexed by the tactic, but answers the challenge in kind. What follows is fun and games in the AKD trenches.



Five Star Stories Vols. XVIII-XX

The ground war between the forces of Di-Barrow in search of the dragon nymph's "Water of Life" and the AKD in search of Lados Sopp, continues with neither side knowing exactly why the other is in Kastenpo. The AKD decides to deploy its mortar heads to cut Barrow off from the marsh and wait for Aisha to pinpoint Sopp's exact location. In the midst of the escalation into a mortar head confrontation between Barrow and AKD forces in Kastenpo, Allen Braford is relieved of duty by Di-Barrow after his fatima, Kyo, loses her mind and wrecks his mortar head. Sopp finds the dysfunctional Kyo, and ends up knighting him, just in time to have him rescue the three fugitives from the clutches of a completely Bosjathfort-possessed version of Barrow. Sopp, Suezhou and Atropos are saved by Braford, but the "Water of Life" falls into Barrow's hands only to have the

opposite effect, destroying him. Now that Sopp is safe, an all-out M-H war ensues, escalating into a buster launcher quick-draw contest. Schaft and Paltienon win the day for the AKD, but Schaft succumbs to Bosjathfort's sorcery. Sopp returns to Della Belun with a Dragon Drop for Lachesis. We then flip a couple of millennia into the future to the abandonment and demolition of the Floating Temple, as Atropos once again laments her and her sisters' fate, then she and Suezhou head off into the horizon.



Five Star Stories Vols. XXI-XXIII

Here we start a new series of episodes, called The Chevaliers, said to be the purest, most powerful and craziest of headliners. Episode 1 goes way off the *FSS* chronology to the year 18097! The Joker Galaxy is all but done for, with the exception of its youngest planet, Jūno. Another mad scientist is trying to recreate the artificial life form described as the "fatima." In Episode 2, Sharie Randers returns to Della Belun from her ambassadorship on Jūno and quits the knighthood in true chevalier style. Episode 3 again takes us to the outer limits of the *FSS* chronology, this time into the past to the Galaxy's pre-Joker A.D. era. The story centers around Ned Swans, the purest and the wildest chevalier ever. Episode 4 takes place on Alder in J.C. 2997. H-Iathuha A'P Knight, Wandam Herrer, suddenly disappears from a flagship, taking his mortar head and fatima with him. The A'P death squad is dispatched to

destroy him... Princess Mugumica then sends Jabo Beal assisted by Voards Viewlard, to stop them. Episode 5 finds Jabo Beal in Zanda City, Kastenpo on the planet Both only to meet her death completely by accident. Dougulus Kaien appears at the H-Iathuha palace to meet his kids for the first time and pledge allegiance to Princess Mugumica. The Episode 6 in the series is the saga of Christine V, daughter of one of Kallamity's elite Kneue Sylliss knights, who winds up killed a classmate for insulting her and her headliner heritage.



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